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KSOU fate hangs in balance

Special Board of Management meets

- To upload documents to UGC website
- To file Writ of Mandamus in HC

Mysuru, Oct.3 (RK&NNN)- Amidst growing concern regarding the future of lakhs of students studying in the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), following de-recognition of courses, the Special Board of Management (BoM), met here this morning and decided to upload the application online for 2018-19 on the University Grants Commission (UGC) website by this evening and file a Writ of Mandamus in Karnataka HC.

KSOU VC Prof. D. Shivalingaiah, Registrar K.G. Chandrashekar, Dean Prof. Mahadevi and two members including Puttanna said that all the details, certificates and documents pertaining to the re-recognition as demanded by the UGC will be uploaded.

Later, the VC, Registrar and other officials will take three sets of hard copies of the uploaded application to New Delhi to submit them to UGC.

The meeting also decided that based on the reaction of Higher Education Minister Basavaraja Rayaraddy yesterday that he would meet the Union HRD Minister shortly and if the recognition is not given, then they would approach the High Court.

The BoM Members said that a decision was taken to file a Writ of Mandamus following the Higher Education Minister's direction. A Writ of Mandamus is an order from a court to an inferior government official ordering the government official to properly fulfill their official duties or correct an abuse of discretion.

KSOU VC Prof. D. Shivalingaiah** (left) **and Registrar K.G. Chandrashekar displaying documents after the Board of Management meeting, at KSOU premises, here this morning.

Music University VC reacts

Meanwhile, Karnataka State Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sarvamangala Shankar, reacting to a news report in a section of the media that she was demanding KSOU building for her University, told *Star of Mysore* here this morning, "We have not asked for the buildings nor written to the Government about this. It is only a thinking on our part to approach the KSOU to utilise the facilities available till our own permanent building comes up."

Selfie craze snuffs out three young lives

Mandya/ Mysuru, Oct. 3 (Nagaiah&BCT)- Craze for a selfie in front of a moving train wiped out three young lives on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Railway track near Ramanagaram this morning. The young boys hailed from Bengaluru and were taking selfies when the speeding Mysuru-Solapur-Gol-Gumbaz Express ran over them.

Their bodies were mangled beyond recognition and certain body parts were scattered all around. The incident came to light as the loco-pilot reported the accident to the Station Master at Ramanagaram and Mandya.

The incident occurred at around 8.45 am and the train was heading to Mysuru from Bengaluru. The locomotive left Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Station in Bengaluru at 8.05 am. The victims have been identified as 20-year-old Pratheek Raikar, a resident of 27th Cross, Banashankari Second Stage, 20-year-old Rohit, son of Joseph and a resident of Hulimavu and 19-year-old Prabha Anand from Koramangala.

All the three youths were Second PUC students (PCMB) from National College, Bengaluru. They were identified through their identity cards. According to sources, the youths left home today at 6 am in two bikes and came on the track near Manchanayakanahalli. They climbed a parapet-like structure near the track and one of them was clicking selfies as the train approached.

In their enthusiasm, the youths failed to see the speeding train and came under the wheels. A team from Bengaluru Police and Railway Police comprising CPI Shivakumar, DySP Shyamanna and Head Constable Karanth rushed to the spot and are investigating.

KSOU: CM to meet HRD Minister

Siddharamaiah

Mysuru, Oct.3 (RKB&DM)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has said that he had written to Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar regarding KSOU's fate. Speaking to media after arriving at Mandakkali Airport here this morning to launch '*Mane Manège Congress*' in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment, he said that he would take up KSOU issue with the Minister during his next visit to New Delhi.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)	
Today	109.60 ft
Yesterday	109.45 ft
Inflow	5,583 cusecs
Outflow	2,491 cusecs
Last year on this date	89.70 ft

Mysuru-Bengaluru track to be electrified by month end

Restoration of Tipu Armoury to as-is condition to be completed in a week

Mysuru, Oct. 3 (RK&BCT)- The work on restoration of the translocated Tipu Armoury at Srirangapatna has begun on a war-footing and will be completed within a week. Simultaneously, the completion of electrification of the double track between Bengaluru and Mysuru that was pending due to the Armoury shifting will be completed by the end of October.

The translocation or the literal shifting of the 228-year-old and 1,050-tonne Tipu Armoury at Srirangapatna to pave way for the double-tracking work began on March 3 and was completed on March 14.

The work was done by US-based PSL Engineering of the Fedders Llyod Group with a joint venture with New Delhi-based PSL Engineering.

(See TRACK on page 9)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Tuesday 3rd October 2017

Tackling urban thirst

Temples, particularly the shrines of centuries vintage, built by anonymous munis and renowned thinkers credited with philosophical works marked by spiritual ideologies that have endured to this day on the banks of rivers or in their vicinity is common sight in all regions of the country. Karnataka hosts a large number of riverside temples besides some built in mountainous terrains, such as the shrines at Melukote in Mandya district and Biligiri Rangana Hills in Chamarajanagar district. The system of setting apart a stipulated area of land to raise food crops exclusively to serve as a source of produce for the routine worshipping schedules also endured for long until the Land Reforms Act of the 1960s. Thus, the devout were assured of water and food all the year round, except during occasional droughts. In a total contrast, one is at a loss to see pragmatism in creating cities that are currently virtual overcrowded dens. Food may be pouring into them, never mind the rising costs to consumers, but water?

Kempe Gowda, credited with creating what is currently identified as Bengaluru is also said to have marked its boundary. What has happened to his thoughtful plan over the period since his days is there for all to experience. The city has long past crossed the liveability norms with no signs of the metropolis averting a demographic disaster, apart from facing an impending water famine. So far, so good.

Mysuru, which has lost its past image as a city hosting residents with a laid-back outlook and an ethos of not getting tempted by glitz-glamour of modernity, is currently in the august company of hundreds of cities across the country witnessing a crazy pace of raising multi-storeyed structures for residential as well as business purposes. The agencies in this sector are popularly called *Developers*, a brazen misnomer. In the absence of a system of regulating this kind of *development*, the cities are home to residents who are themselves the agents of polluting air by generating excessive emissions, domestic residue in mountainous proportions, cluttering the roads and streets with automobiles and so on, most importantly resulting in unprecedented pressure on the government of the day to supply adequate drinking water.

Without giving the impression of treating the issue of quenching *urban thirst* (for water) lightly, one is prompted to recall the expression "Every problem has a solution; if there is no solution, there is also no problem." The urbanites have their task cut out to prove the expression right. Or else, they have to concede the problem and its consequences.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MODERN SLAVERY: ***The menace of growing unemployment in India is compounded by a steady increase in the number of labour in the informal sector, a practice rightly referred to as "modern slavery" in the Global Slavery Index report. All forms of slavery are prevalent here — intergenerational bonded labour, forced child labour, commercial sexual exploitation, forced begging, forced recruitment into non-State armed groups and forced marriage. The main cause for the increase in the number of workers in the unorganised sector is economic — they come cheaper than the permanent workforce and do the same job. Moreover, this group of labour's inability to form Trade Unions gives the employer a right to hire, overload them with work, underpay and fire them at will. Reluctance or connivance of the law enforcing authorities with the employers facilitates the illegal practices to go on without resistance. All this exposes the ugly face of management.***

— In Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Scary clown doughnut delivery service

Texas: Sick of playing the same old Halloween pranks every year? One Dallas doughnut shop has you covered with a scary clown doughnut delivery service. Riding the wave of the recent Box Office hit Stephen King's It, the Hurts Donut shop has decided to implement a new, Halloween-themed delivery option for their delicious treats. For just $5 extra, you can have your doughnut delivered by a person dressed as a menacing real-life Pennywise and scare the pants off of your unsuspecting friends and family members. Not only will this clown deliver a fantastic fright, but he will immediately make amends for your prank by handing the recipient a dozen of Hurts' delicious treats!

In an interview, Hurts co-owner Kas Clegg said "We always try to keep up with the trends, and clowns are trending now. So we just wanted to spice it up a little bit and do a super fun delivery. We just love scary clowns." As of right now, the clown delivery service is only available in the Frisco area of Dallas, and for a limited time only.

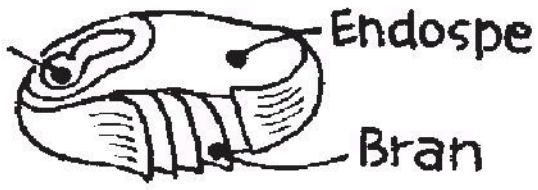
"Funeral Crasher"

London: It's 2 an odd day when you have to question an old, devout Catholic woman's morals for attending too many funerals. And yet, that's the position many have been placed in by 65-year-old Theresa Doyle, from Slough, in the UK, who has been attending every wake at her church for over 14 years now. That would probably be considered commendable on her part, if not for the many accusations that she's been doing it just to raid the free buffet.

Theresa Doyle's funeral crashing habit recently made news headlines in the UK, with several of her neighbours and family members of deceased people whose wakes and funeral services she has attended over the years, claiming that she intrudes on people in their time of grief just so she can fill her stomach. She just shows up, pretends to have known the deceased and sometimes even chats with their friends and family, before grazing the buffet "like there's no tomorrow." Sometimes, she allegedly even takes some of the food to go.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is whole-grain flour?



Whole-grain flour contains the germ, the bran and the endosperm in amounts equal to those found in intact grains. But sometimes a manufacturer will add back the germ and bran to the white flour and call it "whole-grain flour." The reconstituted grain may contain added conditioners and may have lost some nutrients in processing.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Entries invited for District-level Hoysala and Keladi Chennamma awards

Mysuru, Oct.3- The Women and Child Welfare Department has invited entries from children with exemplary innovative and scholastic talent for awarding Hoysala and Keladi Chennamma awards.

Children aged between 5 and 18 years only can apply.

The awards carry a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 each and a citation. The children must have exemplary innovative and scholastic talent in fields such as arts, sports, culture, social service, music, etc.

The entries must be supported by documentary proof.

Those children who had sent their entries last year, which were taken into consideration, need not apply again.

The prescribed application form (in Kannada) can be collected from the Department office. Last date for applying is Oct.21.

For details, visit the Department Office at PS-1, Hi-tension line Road, Krishnadevaraya Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2498031 or 2495432.

Bag medals in Karate and Cycling competitions

Sumanth and Meghana

Mysuru, Oct. 3- **Meghana Muthamma,** a first PU student of Jnanodaya PU College, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, bagged gold medal in the District-level Karate competition recently conducted by the Department of Pre University Education, Mysuru and has been selected for the State-level.

Sumanth, a first PU student, bagged bronze medal in the Cycling Mysooru, District-level competition conducted by Ratnamanikya Building Solutions.

Really...?

- ***Today, Berkshire Hathaway may be known as Warren Buffett's insurance and investment company, but it was originally a textile manufacturer.***
- ***American Express, the world's most elite credit card company, started as a postal service.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Cop: *I'm sorry sir, your wife has been involved in a fatal car accident. We'd like you to come with us and identify the body.*
Husband: *I'm a bit busy right now. Can't you take a photo and tag me on facebook? If it's her I'll click 'Like'!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 65.38
1 UK Pound	Rs. 87.43
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.80
1 Euro	= Rs. 77.02

VOICE OF THE READER

Reckless and impatient driving by KSRTC drivers

Sir,

Indeed our KSRTC has a very skilled fleet of drivers who have proved their ability to drive along some of the most challenging roads in and out of Karnataka.

But as I have noticed and heard from many people, the bus drivers of KSRTC (Suvarna Karnataka Sarige and Airavat) are highly impatient on highways and in several major traffic junctions towards other commuters (especially towards two-wheelers) putting a lot of lives at risk.

This raises several questions and concerns: **1.** Are the drivers being forced to work round-the-clock that they are highly stressed and is this the reason for their impatience?

2. Are the drivers being made to follow strict timings and due to speed governors (in Suvarna Sarige buses) are they forced to drive so to maintain the schedule?

3. KSRTC should setup a complaint section to look into cases of reckless driving reported by commuters.

I hope these issues are addressed as soon as possible, as accidents caused by KSRTC buses are alarmingly increasing.

— Shashank V. Srivatsa
Vijayanagar 2nd Stage
28.9.2017

Create Hawkers' Street

Sir,

With reference to the recent letter titled ***"Whither Hawkers' Zones?"*** by *SOM* reader Mirza, I would like to bring to the attention of authorities concerned and public that in Darjeeling a separate street was established for hawkers to do their business and it is one of the tourists' attractions there. After all, they also have to survive in this tough world facing many odds.

Now that Dasara is over, the MCC authorities may consider creating a similar facility, as at present not only footpath vendors, several shop-keepers are also parking their two-wheelers on the already narrow footpaths of the city, even in busy central area. Shop-keepers have better wisdom than the hawkers and they need to avoid inconveniencing the pedestrians, who are also their customers, and also co-operate with local administration by not using the footpaths as parking area for their vehicles.

—Dr. S.V.N. Vijayendra
on e-mail
Roopanagar
28.9.2017

GST making taxes more visible: Excise Joint Commissioner

Ravi Kiran Edara, Jt. Commissioner, Central Excise and Customs, Mysuru, is seen addressing at a seminar on 'GST Law' organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in city recently as *(from left)* ***C. A. Vishwanath and P. M. Prabhkaran from Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan; S. Raman Kumar, Convenor, Finance Taxation Panel, CII, Mysuru, look on.***

Mysuru, Oct. 3- "Earlier, that is before the implementation of GST, the taxes were not visible to the public in the way they are now or in the quantum they are now," said Ravi Kiran Edara, Joint Commissioner, Central Excise and Customs, Mysuru.

He was speaking at a seminar on 'GST Law' organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru here recently. "After implementation of GST people are feeling they are paying more; earlier they were paying tax in the form of VAT and service tax. There is a lot of transparency that is going to come because of GST. One of the major advantages of GST is that the compliance gap will be reduced. Whatever benefits the government gets through GST will be given back to the people," he said.

"The beauty of GST is that there is lot of flexibility for the government; the State and Central governments through various means are periodically accessing the ground situation. Several Joint Secretary Officers are specifically tasked to monitor the price rise. Every district is having Nodal Officer who will be in touch with Joint Secretaries concerned. Monitoring is happening at highest level. One more advantage of GST is based on ground reality. Anytime government can modify the tax, which was not there earlier as one had to look for the annual budget," he said.

"In fact we have almost crossed the stage where we used to give speech or talks about GST. If we see Malaysian experience, the latest country which implemented GST there were several issues faced by them. The major GST issues are related to GST network. Four days back even Finance Minister Arun Jaitley told that GST implementation was smoother than expected. In no country GST was followed without any glitches, the same happened to India and the few glitches the government is addressing time to time," he said.

Migration of existing taxpayers is smooth. There are several issues with regard to filing of returns. Recently during review meeting at the Chief Commissioner level many of the issues were related to restaurant and hotels only, said Edara.

He also mentioned that composition levy is not for those having restaurants and called upon the hotel owners to clearly mention why they are not charging GST.

During the day-long seminar place of supply, time of supply issues, transition issues, valuation, principles of classification under HSN and under GST, issues related to exports, a detail demo on filing of returns, TRAN 1 and issues, Employer/Employee related and Input Tax Credit, payment of GST were discussed.

GST experts P.M. Prabhkaran, C.A. Vishwanath and Sridharan interacted with participants who had come from various industries.

S. Raman Kumar, Convenor, Finance Taxation Panel, CII, Mysuru, was also present.

Sri Ravishankar Guruji in city

Mysuru, Oct. 3- Sri Ravishankar Guruji of The Art of Living Foundation will be in Mysuru on Oct.4 and 5. Sri Sri Yoga (Yogastha) programme has been organised at the Guruji's Ashram in city from Oct.6 to 13 for those above 14 years of age.

"Yogastha is a complete science; it unites body, mind and spirit and also the universe. It brings peace and bliss to every individual. It also creates a significant difference in one's behaviour, thoughts and attitude," says Sri Ravishankar Guruji.

The programme will be held from 6.30 am to 8 am and again from 6.30 pm to 8 pm. For details contact Mob:8884608730 or 7829586751.

Apart from this, Vedic Maths Programme has also been organised at the Ashram on Oct. 7 (from 3 pm to 6 pm) and Oct.8 (from 9 am to 4 pm). For details contact Mob: 9986698600 or 8980802814.

Mata Amritanandamayi Devi's 64th birthday celebrations at Amritapuri on Oct.8 and 9

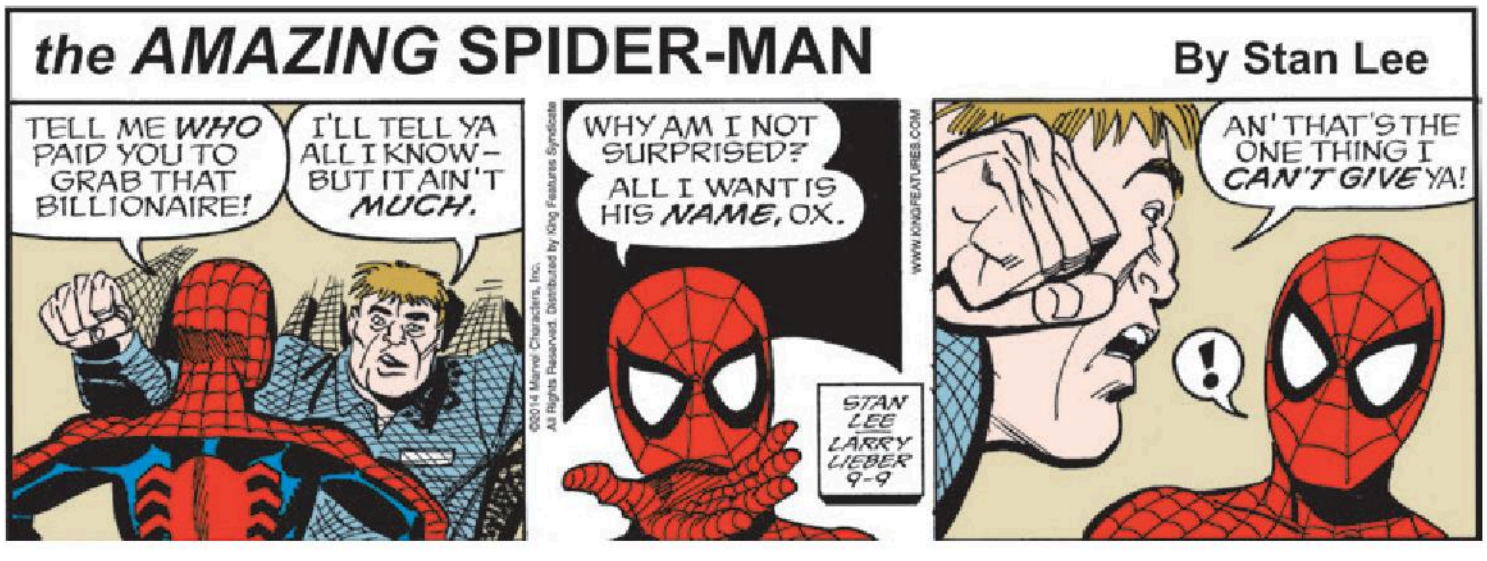
Mysuru, Oct.3-The 64th birthday celebrations of Mata Amritanandamayi Devi - Amma - will be held at Amritapuri, Kollam district, Kerala, on the 8th and 9th of this month.

The main objective of the birthday celebrations has always been a launch of some humanitarian projects under the auspices of Mata Amritanandamayi Math. Three major projects, namely, drinking water schemes, rural sanitation and rural health programme for the

President Kovind to launch mega humanitarian projects

marginalised sections are being launched this year by the President of India Ram Nath Kovind in the presence of Amma.

Devotees and admirers of Amma from all over the globe are expected to be in Amritapuri for this grand occasion. Arrangements for the boarding and lodging have been made. For the benefit of those going from Mysuru area, the Mysuru Ashram has arranged a bus, leaving the Ashram premises on Saturday the 7th at 4pm and returning on the 10th night. For details, contact Mob: 9449562438.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NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. Lakshminarayan for US Meet

City's renowned Diabetologist and Rajyotsava awardee Dr. V. Lakshminarayan left for the US today on a one-month tour to take part in an international meet. Dr. Lakshminarayan, who is the founder of Sri Hari Diabetic Centre, Kuvempunagar in city, will also deliver lectures in the US.

Animal adoption

First B.Com students (B, C and D Section) of SBRR Mahajana College, Mysuru, have adopted Cockatiel, Finch and Budgerigar at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysore Zoo) by paying Rs.3,000 for a period of one year from 22.9.2017 to 21.9.2018, under animal adoption scheme.

Paper presented at Abu Dhabi

Prof. Ramaa Subiah, Professor of Education and Dean of Instruction, Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru, presented a research paper titled "Validated Remedial Instruction Programmes for Children with Specific Learning Disabilities" at the First International Congress of the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) at Abu Dhabi recently.

Bags first prize in IT Fest

Mohit Mittal of De Paul College, Mysuru, has bagged the first prize in the Code Vita event held as part of the two-day State-level Inter-Collegiate IT Fest by the Department of Computer Science, Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Post Graduate Centre in city recently.

Obituary

Sahukar D. Mariswamappa

Mysuru, Oct. 3- Sahukar D. Mariswamappa (82), a resident of Chinnamballi village in Nanjangud taluk, passed away yesterday at a private hospital here following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Dakshayini, sons former President of Nanjangud APMC M. Vishwanath and M. Manjunath, daughter Madhumala, brother Sahukar D. Mahadevappa and a host of relatives. Last rites were held this noon at his native place.

Ratna Prabha emerges
as front runner for CS post

Ratna Prabha

Bengaluru,Oct.3- With State **Chief Secretary (CS)** Subha Chandra Khuntia set to retire by the end of this month, speculation on his successor is already in the air in the corridors of power in the State. Senior IAS officers in the rank of Additional Chief Secretary K. Ratna Prabha and T.M. Vijaya Bhaskar, who is serving as the Development Commissioner, have emerged as the front runners to head the State's bureaucracy.

Ratna Prabha, a 1981 batch Dalit officer, who had missed the importunity on the previous occasion as Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had preferred Khuntia, is almost certain to make it this time.

With the Assembly elections fast approaching, Siddharamaiah who prides himself as a champion of Dalits and Backward Classes, would not commit the mistake of denying the Dalit Woman IAS officer the chance to be the Chief Secretary, according to sources.

If appointed, Ratna Prabha will be the third woman Chief Secretary of the State after Teresa Bhattacharya (2000) and Malathi Das (2006) and will head the State Administrative machinery till March 2018.

Vijay Bhaskar, a 1983 batch IAS office, is junior to Ratna Prabha and the chances of Siddharamaiah promoting him over with elections round the corner are very slim, the sources added.

Cheluvina Chittara
Papusi Rakesh no more

Rakesh

Bengaluru, Oct. 3- Rakesh, who had acted as a child artiste in Kannada movie *Cheluvina Chittara* as 'Bully' and was well-known as 'Papusi' Rakesh, passed away last evening at St. John's Hospital here. Son of TV serial actress Asharani, Rakesh had undergone surgery for gangrene two months ago. Rakesh had acted along with Ganesh as 'Bully' in *Cheluvina Chittara* but was famous with the name 'Papusi.' He was shooting for the film 'Dhoomapaana' as the lead actor.

Mobile phone thieves arrested

Mysuru, Oct. 3 (KS)- Devaraja Police on Oct. 1 took into custody two persons who were trying to sell mobile phones at very less prices at City Bus Stand here.

During interrogation, the arrested are said to have confessed of stealing mobile phones from the public during Vijayadashami near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of the Palace, following which the Cops arrested them and recovered seven mobile phones worth about Rs. 74,000 which was with them.

The arrested have been identified as Manju Usnappa Yarakal of Hubballi and Imran Khan of Bengaluru.

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe and Devaraja ACP B.S. Rajashekar supervised Devaraja Inspector Thimmaraju, Sub-Inspector K. Mahadevanayaka and staff Manjunath, Umesh and Nandeesh in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Woman shoots herself dead in Madikeri

Son's bad behaviour
costs mother's life

Madikeri, Oct. 3 (KS)- Depressed over her son's bad behaviour, a mother shot herself dead at her house in Madikeri yesterday morning.

The deceased woman identified as Vani Shenoy (46), shot herself with a revolver.

It is learnt that Vani's son who was studying in 9th standard was not attending classes regularly and was addicted to social networking site *Facebook.* It is alleged that he had opened a fake *Facebook* account in the name of his mother's friend and was sending messages. His mother's friend who came to know about this had come to the house and had advised him.

Vani had celebrated her birthday about two days ago and her friends had not come to wish her, which depressed her more.

She had mentioned about this to her husband Ganesh Shenoy, a Manager at a Herbal Garden in Baghamandala. Unable to bear her son's behaviour, Vani shot herself dead yesterday.

Madikeri Town Police have registered a case in this regard.

Bags Swachhata National Award

Federation of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Ward Parliament President D. Madegowda *(second from right)* ***receiving the National Swachhata Award from Union Minister for State for Drinking Water and Sanitation S.S. Ahluwalia in New Delhi yesterday as Vice-President Dr. K.S. Nagapathi*** *(extreme left)* ***and others look on.***

Mysuru, Oct. 3 (KS)- Federation of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Ward Parliament, a residents welfare association of city, has bagged the National Swachhata Award for its commendable work in Solid Waste Management.

The award was presented in New Delhi yesterday on the occasion of the third anniversary of Swachh Bharat Mission in the 'Best Public-Private-Partnership' category in Solid Waste Management by Union Minister for Urban Development Hardeep Puri, Union Minister for State for Drinking Water and Sanitation S.S. Ahluwalia and Ramesh Jigajinagi to Federation President D. Madegowda, Vice-President Nagapathi, MCC Health Officer Nagaraj and Karnataka Government Urban Development Department Officer Somesh.

The Federation was honoured in recognition for its work in collecting and segregating dry and wet wastes in Mysuru and converting it to compost.

The MCC has provided all the basic infrastructure facilities in the Plant and pays the salaries of all the employees while the Federation of Wards Parliament looks after other maintenance expenses of the Plant.

'Swachhata Darpan' National Award presented

Dakshina Kannada ZP CEO Dr. M.R. Ravi and ZP President Meenakshi Shantigodu receiving the 'Swachhata Darpan' National Award from Minister of State for Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation S.S. Ahluwalia in New Delhi yesterday.

Have vital clues about Gauri Lankesh killers: Home Minister

Gauri Lankesh

Chikkaballapur, Oct.3- Home Minister Ramalinga Reddy said here yesterday that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh had 'definite clue' and has identified those who carried out the murder!

Speaking to press persons, Reddy said that "we have got vital clues about the killers, but are waiting to get proper evidence before we proceed."

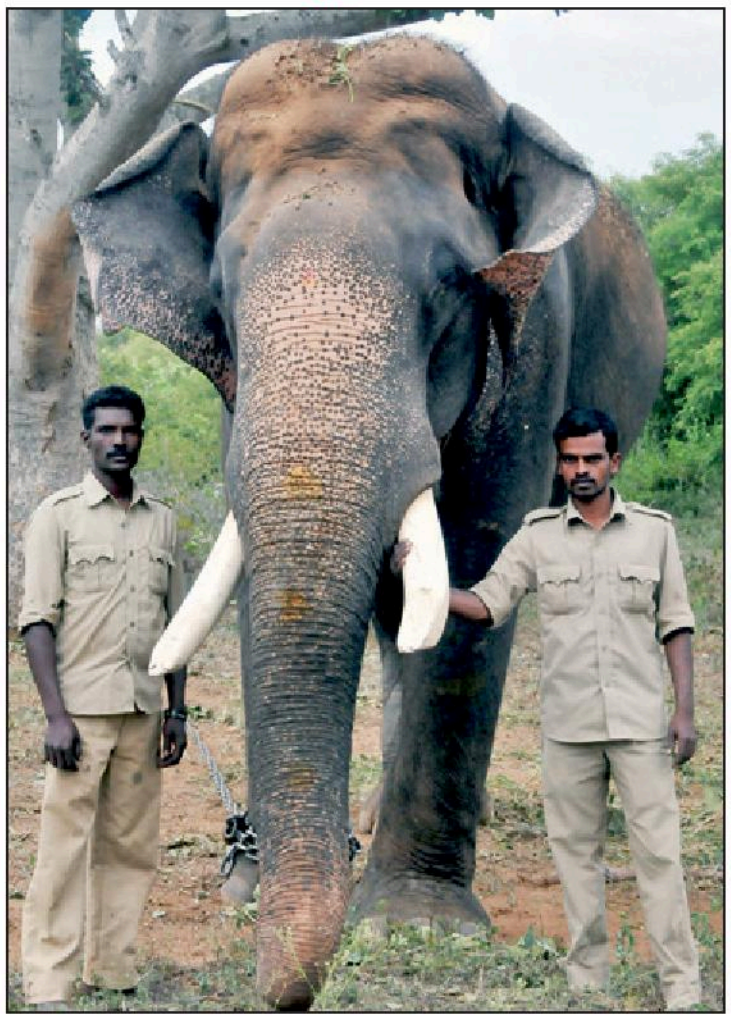
Pointing out that it is a high profile case, he said that the investigators are ensuring there's concrete evidence so that the same stands in Court.

Meanwhile, Oct.5 will mark one month since the killing of Lankesh, Editor of *'Gauri Lankesh Patrike,'* outside her home in Bengaluru. She was gunned down by an assailant wearing a helmet on the evening of Sept.5

Upset over being slighted,

Sannappa decides to leave Arjuna

Sannappa, who took care of the Howdah-Elephant for years, was ignored by Forest Officials who favoured Vinu during Jumboo Savari



Sannappa (left) and Vinu with Howdah-Elephant Arjuna.

Mysuru, Oct. 3 (MTY&BCT)- Dasara *Jumboo Savari* has ended on a grand note but there is a simmering discontent among Mahouts as the Forest Department ignored one eligible Mahout and chose a less-experienced Mahout to steer Arjuna, the Howdah-elephant. And that is why the Department officials did not disclose the name of Arjuna's Mahout till the last moment, allege Mahouts.

The Mahouts, who are levelling allegations against the Forest Department, have come in support of Sannappa alias Mahesha who was not given a chance to lead Arjuna despite his closeness and association with the Howdah-elephant. They are crying injustice as the Department chose Vinu to lead the elephant at the last moment.

"Who will lead Arjuna?" This question cropped up last year after the death of its Mahout the seasoned and the efficient Dodda Masti. He retired one-and-a-half years back and died last year just a fortnight before last year's Gajapayana. Following his death, the responsibility of training Arjuna fell on Dodda Masti's son Sannappa.

Sannappa, as the Kavadi to his father, was serving Arjuna even before his father's death and Arjuna too began listening to his commands. He efficiently performed his duties last year and even sat on Arjuna during the procession for the first time and was praised for successfully steering the elephant from Mysore Palace to Bannimantap, carrying the Golden Howdah.

Trouble began when the Forest Department passed an order to appoint Vinu as Arjuna's Mahout and Sannappa as his Kavadi. The appointment was made last year itself and as Vinu was new to Arjuna, the Department had told him that Sannappa would sit atop Arjuna in 2016 Dasara. After last Dasara, Vinu developed a close bond with Arjuna. As per law, Vinu is Arjuna's Mahout and Sannappa, whose services are confirmed only six months ago, is his Kavadi.

This Department order, however, has not gone down well with Sannappa who feels that the officials have caused him grave injustice. "Forest officials bent backwards following political pressure and have caused injustice to me. I was taking care of Arjuna ever since my father Dodda Masti's death and now Vinu is doing the honours," said a visibly upset Sannappa.

Sannappa has now decided that he would leave the Balle Elephant Camp and go to Kushalnagar camp. He even boycotted the picnic arranged by the Department for Mahouts, Kavadis and their families. "When Dodda Masti died, Forest officials had no clue on who will lead Arjuna and at that time of crises, I came forward and helped the Department. I trained Arjuna and led the *Jumboo Savari* last year. This time, however, I was robbed of a chance to sit on Arjuna due to political pressure," Sannappa told reporters.

He also alleged that some Department officials had conspired to separate him and Arjuna. "Arjuna is very sensitive and the officers wanted to separate me from him. This has hurt me a lot. I have information that they have captured six elephants in Kushalnagar and there are freshly captured elephants at Dubare Elephant Camp waiting to be trained. I have decided to leave Arjuna and choose some other elephant," he said, with tears in his eyes. "Expert Mahouts are also required to train elephants in Tamil Nadu and I might go there also. Opportunities are aplenty but it is hard to leave the elephant that you have nurtured for years," he said with a sigh.

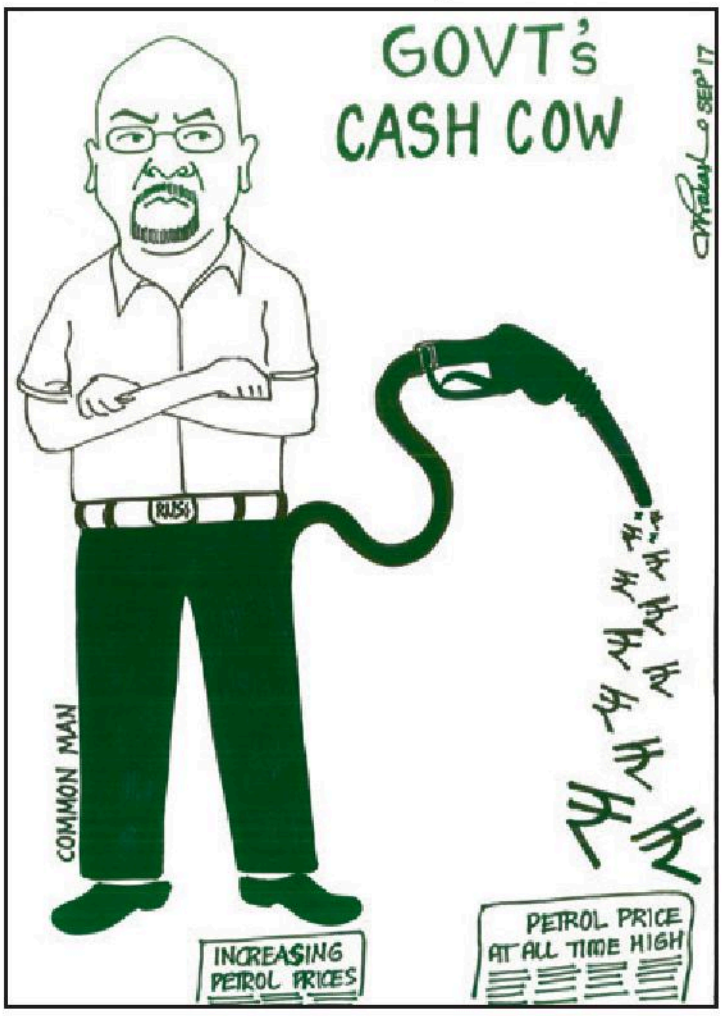
Sannappa has taken it as a challenge and he has promised that he will make use of the training provided by Dodda Masti. "His training and his fame will not go waste. I will train an elephant and will name him 'Masti' in my father's honour and will train him in such a way that he will be chosen for Dasara celebrations. Today I have accepted the injustice caused by the Department. Just give me two years and I will prove myself," he said.

TRADITION BROKEN

A few Mahouts have said on condition of anonymity that as per tradition followed since ages, a person from Jenukuruba community leads the elephant and that too, Howdah-elephant. "This time, the tradition has been broken as the Forest Department officials bowed to political pressure," a Mahout said.

"As per law, Vinu is Arjuna's Mahout. But is it possible to gain the trust and confidence of an elephant within one year? Sannappa has been with Arjuna since years and the Department officials should have considered this. The officials chose to please someone and victimise Sannappa. If the same trend continues, a day might come when the traditional Mahouts will boycott Dasara," another Mahout said.

TEASER By N. Prakash



OSHO Residential Camps

Mysuru, Oct. 3- The Friends of OSHO in Mysuru have organised 3-day State-level OSHO Residential Meditation Camp at OSHO Sannidhi in Uttanahalli here from Oct. 12 to 15. In the Camp, OSHO's Sarvasar with music, Dynamic, Kundalini, Nadabrahma, Nataraja, Vipassana & many meditation techniques will be guided.

Expo-cum-sale of OSHO's Kannada & English books, Discourse's Mp3 CDs, other Music, Vachana's CDs will be there. [94802-78144 / 99001-44119].

MYSORE RACES 2017

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'Castle Bridge' for Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club 2000 Guineas

Mysuru, Oct. 3- The following are the selections for the 10th Day of Mysore Races to be held here tomorrow (4th October 2017):

1.	**2.00 PM**	**THE MEERUT PLATE DIV II**
		1200 mts. (rated 00 to 25)
		1. Perfect Golden Era 2. Zip Code
2.	**2.35 PM**	**THE MEERUT PLATE DIV I**
		1200 mts. (rated 00 to 25)
		1. Calico King 2. Heid Run
3.	**3.10 PM**	**THE ALEKONA TROPHY**
		2000 mts. (rated 40 to 65)
		1. Flirting Eyes 2. Masada
4.	**3.45 PM**	**THE MARGROVE ESTATE TROPHY**
		1400 mts. (rated 40 to 65) Mysore based horses
		1. Benedetta 2. Be Bold
5.	**4.20 PM**	**JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR GOLF CLUB 2000 GUINEAS**
		(3 years terms)
		1. Castle Bridge 2.Turf Star
6.	**4.55 PM**	**THE JUSTICE P. MEDAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY**
		1200 mts. (rated 60 and above)
		1. Krieger 2. Side Winder
7.	**5.30 PM**	**THE HOGENKAL PLATE**
		1400 mts. (rated 20 to 45) Mysore-based horses
		1. Mylkia 2. Beautiful Effect

DAY'S BEST: *CASTLE BRIDGE*
DOUBLE: *1. CALICO KING 2. KRIEGER*
JACKPOT: *3,4,5,6,7;* ***I TREBLE:*** *2,3,4;* ***II TREBLE :*** *5,6,7*
EXACTAS: *6,7*

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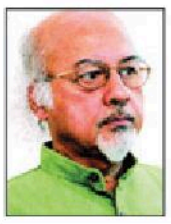
BJP's image dims with economic disruption; Rahul's image glows with US tour. This is Sonia's chance to score big



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

The Congress Party published full-page advertisements in New York to announce a Rahul Gandhi meeting there. It made history by including, alongside the pictures of Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira, Rajiv and Sonia Gandhi, those of Lal Bahadur Shastri and P.V. Narasimha Rao. Shastri was never recognised during the Sonia years while Narasimha Rao was actively ostracised. To give the non-person that was Rao all these years a place now in the galaxy suggests something of an internal revolution.

Is there one? Is the Congress finally acknowledging the need to re-invent itself if it is to have an address in Narendra Modi's India? Rahul Gandhi's American tour was itself a pointer to the party's willingness to do new things. It was essentially a tour of intellectual America by a man considered uniquely unintellectual. Apparently he made efforts to catch up. Early photographs showed him in Silicon Valley flanked by IT wizard Sam Pitroda, author-diplomat Shashi Tharoor and savvy Mumbaikar Milind Deora, all practitioners of the Kalam art of igniting minds.

Whether it was their influence, or the bracing holiday weather of California, or the compulsions imposed by Modi's relentless march, Rahul Gandhi rose to unexpected heights, impressing university crowds that are usually hard to impress. The key tactic was to compliment the enemy where necessary and to acknowledge mistakes on his own side. He praised Modi's communication skills and also his *Make In India* programme. The focus of this policy, he said thoughtfully, should be on small and medium businesses which do not get access to finance and the legal system. If this was done, *Make In India* would be a powerful idea, said Rahul. Frank, balanced, informed.

He was just as frank when he said that the Congress Party had developed "a certain amount of arrogance" at one time, that some concepts of UPA-2 had use-by date ten-years-old. The only off-colour remark was that dynasty "is the way India runs." That's not the way India runs right now. And it's fatuous to compare private industrial dynasties with contrived political dynasties. That slip-up apart, Rahul's American tour was a success. This was proved when Smriti Irani was scared into calling him "a failed dynast."

However, Rahul's success in the US is unlikely to help him or the Congress. The big problem that makes rejuvenation hard for the Congress is the internal fight between the old generation and the young. This is a unique Indian problem. In civilised democracies Presidents and Prime Ministers serve their term, then leave it to others. Obama is still young and active, but he is not manoeuvring to become President again.

In our country, Mulayam Singh and Mayawati still imagine that the nation needs them. Lalu Prasad, discredited and legally debarred from public office, is convinced that Bihar and India itself will be the poorer without his services. Oommen Chandy, caught in a maze of scandals that brought humiliation to his party, insists on serving the people. Political leaders never see what others see.

Sonia Gandhi *Rahul Gandhi*

In the Congress, Rahul Gandhi brought in some new faces. Some of them were miserable failures, like Arun Yadav in Madhya Pradesh. But some did well, like K.C. Venugopal who replaced Digvijay Singh as the in-Charge in Karnataka. (Digvijay Singh and before him Gulab Nabi Azad had contributed mightily to the devaluation of the Congress in Karnataka because they became patron saints of the State's corrupt Congressmen).

Rahul will be unable to move forward unless he takes a good chunk of the veterans with him. Veterans who still have clout must be in, like Kamal Nath in Madhya Pradesh. Those with poor track record must be sidelined, like Ashok Gehlot in Rajasthan. State-wise, personalised adjustments, patiently canvassed and carefully implemented, can give the Congress a new look, essential for a new future.

Rahul Gandhi cannot bring this about. Sonia Gandhi can because the old guard is beholden to her. She can make them accept a restructuring by telling them that without the infusion of some new blood and new thinking, the Congress will sink. This is perhaps the only chance she will get. The gap between words and deeds under the BJP Government's dispensation, the many policy breakdowns of recent years and the economic dislocation that has become too serious for the Government to hide have created a situation where the BJP is no longer the unstoppable force it seemed at first. By uniting the old guard and the younger leaders who have proved themselves, Sonia Gandhi can make history in 2019. This is her moment.

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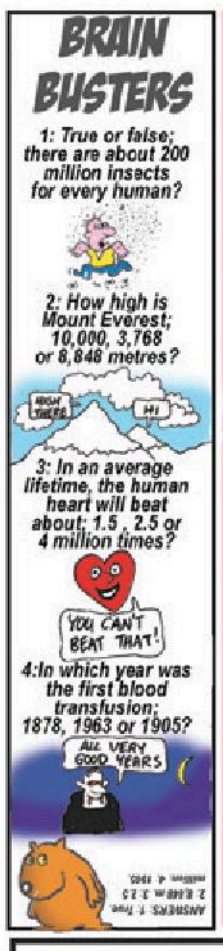
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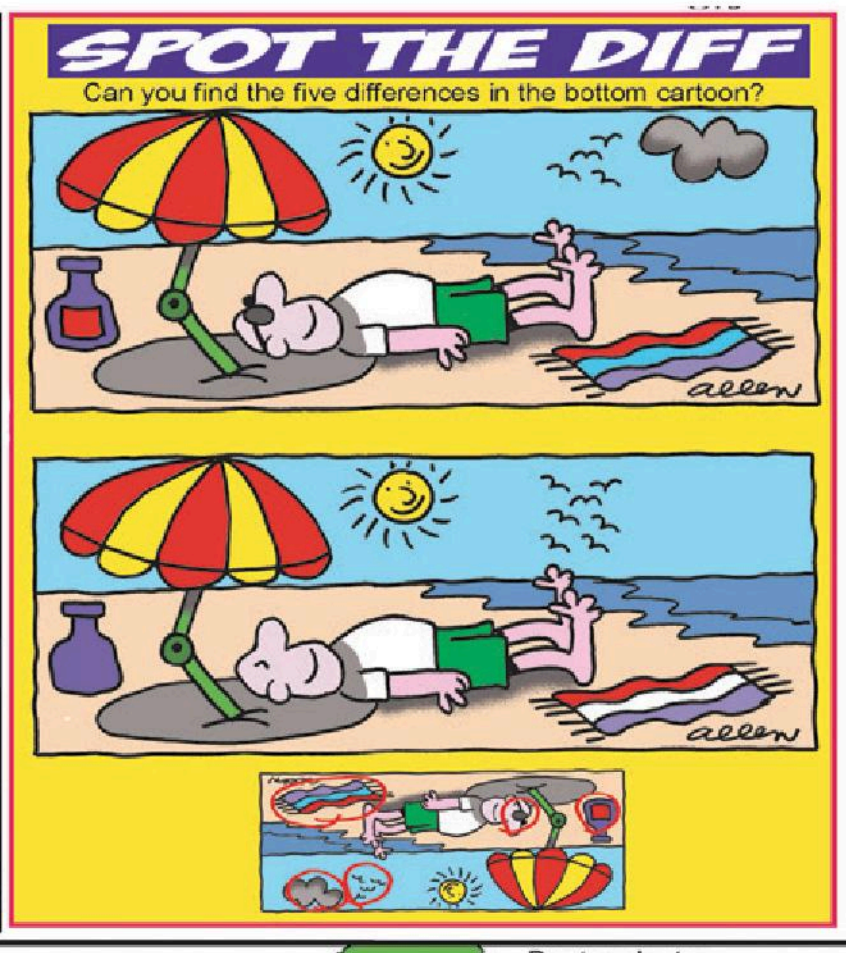

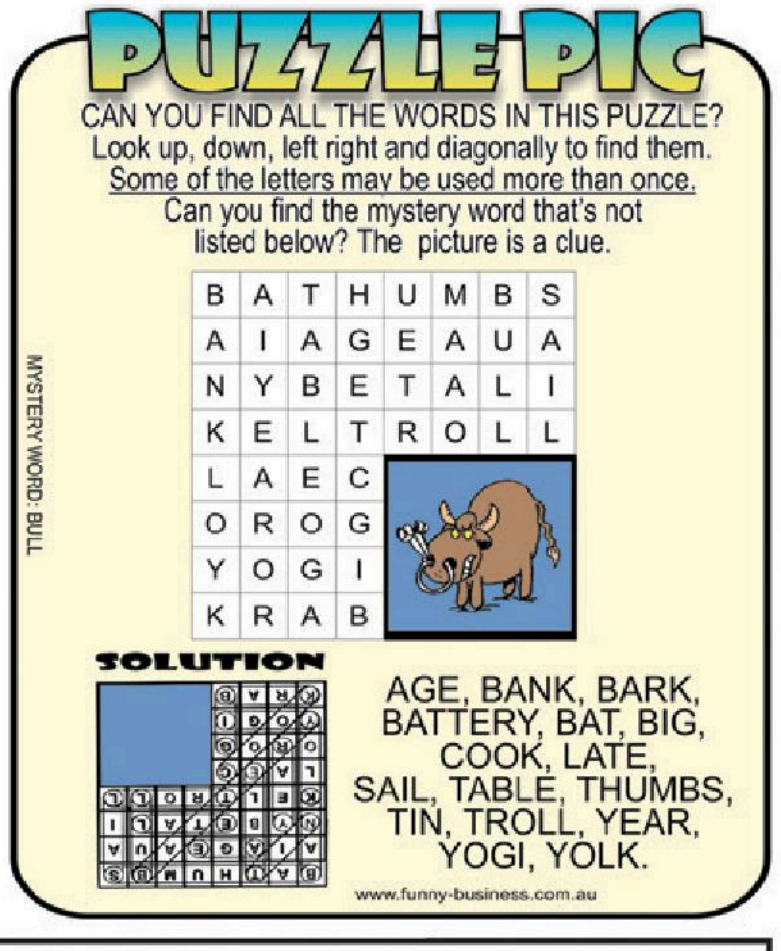
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Dasara rush: Visitors hit tourist spots, gate collections surge

Mysuru, Oct. 3 (RK&NNN) - Every year Dasara is a big holiday season in Mysuru and tourists throng the city especially on the last two days — Ayudha Puja and Vijayadashami when the grand Dasara procession is held. This year, with extended holidays adding to the leisure of the people, the regular tourist hot spots like the Palace, KRS and Zoo witnessed a surge in gate collections.

However, another unique feature added to this year's Dasara was the reintroduction of the flights from Mysore Airport. The flights from Mysuru to Chennai resumed after a gap of nearly two years, which has raised the hopes of Mysureans that it will be there permanently on the air map of the country.

Mysore Airport

As part of the Dasara celebrations, Mysore Airport was reopened on Sept. 20 with Union Minister Jayant Sinha flagging off the first flight from Mysuru to Chennai.

In all, 1,236 travellers have flown from Sept. 20 to 30 from Mysuru to Chennai, said Mysore Airport Assistant General Manager (Air Traffic Management — ATM) P. Venkatachalam speaking to *Star of Mysore*, here yesterday.

The figures available with *SOM* shows that 57 people flew from Mysuru to Chennai and Hyderabad on Sept. 20, 63 on Sept. 21, 53 on Sept. 22, 56 on Sept. 23, 65 on Sept. 24, 57 on Sept. 25, 62 on Sept. 26, 57 on Sept. 27, 60 on Sept. 28, 56 on Sept. 29 and 59 on Sept. 30.

Arrival figures: On Sept. 21, 58 arrived, Sept. 22 - 61, Sept. 23 - 59, Sept.24 - 50, Sept. 25 - 58, Sept. 26 - 57, Sept. 27 - 70, Sept. 28 - 71, Sept. 29 - 65 and Sept. 30 - 42. The TruJet flights operate under the UDAN scheme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. 645 people have flown from Mysuru and 591 from Hyderabad and Chennai to Mysuru, said Venkatachalam and added that not a single day was there a break in flight operations.

The 72-seater TruJet ATR aircraft leaves Mysore Airport daily at 7.15 pm and lands in Chennai at 8.20 pm. From Chennai, it leaves at 5.40 pm and arrives in Mysuru at 6.50 pm. An average of 55 to 60 passengers fly daily and the response so far has been very encouraging, he said.

Mysore Palace

Nearly 1,05,238 visited the Mysore Palace from Sept 21 to 29 and that included visitors to Raitha Dasara, Palace-on-Wheels, Gold Card and on-line ticket booking visitors. However, on Sept. 30, the Vijayadashami Day, approximately 30,000 people watched the Dasara-2017 procession from the Palace precincts.

In all, there were 93,583 Indians and 586 foreigners totalling 94,169, visiting the Palace from Sept. 21 to 29. The visitors to Raitha Dasara was 10,662 from Sept. 21 to 29, while there were just 149 visitors to the Palace on Palace-on-Wheels all the nine days.

The District Administration introduces Gold Card every year so that people can watch all the programmes during Dasara. However, the response so far has not been all that encouraging. There were just 190 Gold Card visitors to the Palace this year and in spite of the digital push, on-line ticket booking recorded a dismal 68 visitors.

However, on Oct. 1, the Palace witnessed a surge in visitors with a record 33,519 Indians and 123 foreigners totalling 33,642 viewing the majestic Palace and the gate collection was Rs. 15,85,040.

Mysuru Zoo

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly called the Mysuru Zoo is a must visit on the tourists' list. Surprisingly, when one looks at the number of visitors to the zoo in the last four years, while 1.33 lakh visited the Zoo during ten days in 2014, the numbers reduced to 1.23 lakh in the same period this year (2017).

On Ayudha Puja day in 2014, 27,187 people visited the Zoo, this year it was just 15,449. However, on Vijayadashami Day there was a significant raise in numbers this year when compared to 2014. While 31,722 was the number clocked in 2017 with a gate collection of Rs. 18.81 lakh, it was 29,863 in 2014 with a gate collection of Rs. 17.62 lakh.

Visitors to KRS

In the four days of holidays between Sept. 29 and Oct. 2, the maximum rush in Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) Dam, popularly called as Brindavan Gardens in Mandya District, saw 38,000 tourists on Oct. 1. On the remaining days, it was 20,000 on Sept. 29, 30,000 on Sept. 30 and 23,000 on Oct. 2 with a total of 1,11,000 people in all visiting the famed tourist spot. The total gate collection on all the four days was Rs. 25 lakh.

Anniversary of Kalasparsha Arts School

Mysuru, Oct.3 (YDS)- City's well-known Industrialist M. Jagannath Shenoy has said that talent is inherent in every child and it is the responsibility of the parents to unearth it.

He was speaking at the first anniversary celebrations of Kalasparsha Performing Arts School at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road here on Sunday.

Highlighting the role of parents in nurturing talent in their Wards, Shenoy said that parents should not loose any opportunity for promoting talent.

Art patron K.V. Murthy, in his address, said that Sparsha Shenoy, the founder Kalasparsha Performing Arts School, has started the school at an young age and it was really encouraging. Underlining the role of Gurus in moulding talent among their students, he wished Sparsha more success in her endeavour of promoting Performing Arts.

Sparsha Shenoy's grandfather Art Patron M. Vinod Rao, in his address, said that 40 children were trained in the first year and this was a notable achievement. He wished that the School achieve more laurels in the future.

Earlier, renowned Danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that it was a matter of joy and pride that her disciple Sparsha Shenoy is teaching Performing Arts to children by setting up the School.

Recalling Sparsha's performance at a dance concert in Australia, Dr. Vasundhara said that Sparsha's talent was widely applauded and appreciated.

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy was felicitated. Senior Journalist Rajashekar Koti, Sparsha Shenoy, Spoorthi Shenoy, Dr. U.G. Shenoy and others were present.

Danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, who was felicitated during the anniversary celebrations of Kalasparsha Performing Arts School in city on Sunday, is seen with art patrons Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy & K.V. Murthy, Journalist Rajashekar Koti, Art Patron M. Vinod Rao, Dr. U.G. Shenoy and Sparsha Shenoy.

Sparsha Shenoy and her students gave a Bharatanatyam performance on the occasion. They were accompanied by Sriharsha (vocal) and Rajesh and Hanumantharaju (flute).

A giant leap for Pratham Mysore

Pratham Mysore was founded by Ashvini Ranjan and his wife Shashi Ranjan as part of their post-retirement activity. They adopted two Govt. Primary Schools with 60 children in Nachanahally Palya slums in Mysore South during May 2000 not realising the many challenges they would be faced with. Having entered the unchartered terrain, there was no turning back. It was an initial two years of financial struggle coupled with the problem of finding the right people and dealing with the system.

It was the sheer determination of the couple to succeed, in what they set out to do, that one should admire. Pratham's growth today is very rewarding to its founders, but more importantly to over five lakh students who will now benefit as a result of an MoU signed between Pratham and the State Government. K.B. Ganapathy, Editor-in-Chief, *Star of Mysore,* ***spoke to Ashvini Ranjan for more details. Some excerpts. —Editor***

KBG in conversation with Ashvini Ranjan.

K.B. Ganapathy (KBG): I understand that Pratham Mysore has recently entered into a partnership with the government to teach in government schools. Can you explain?

Ashvini Ranjan: Pratham Mysore has been formally invited to help improve the education standards of school-going children in Primary schools in 13 districts of Karnataka. This offer to assist was based on the results of pilot studies conducted by the government during 2016-17 in the districts of Mysuru, Mandya and Ramanagaram using Pratham methodologies of teaching.

The *'Odu Karnataka'* programme which is a method of **remedial teaching developed by Pratham** was administered in 4,429 schools in the said three districts. Based on the significant improvements in the children's learning levels, Pratham was formally invited to extend its services in 13 Districts. **An MoU between Pratham Mysore and the Government of Karnataka was signed on Sept. 13, 2017.** This effectively means five lakh children studying in standards 4 and 5 in about 18,500 schools will benefit from this programme. To Pratham, this is a giant leap and at the same time an enormous challenge !

KBG: Why do children in government schools across the country perform poorly?

Ashvini: There may be several reasons why children despite being in school are not learning. In a typical Indian classroom, teacher teaches from the textbook prescribed for that grade. But, if the child has not acquired the basic skills like reading and basic math, the child will find it difficult to follow what is being taught in the class. In the absence of educated parents to help the child in its lessons at home, the child loses connect with the lessons the teacher teaches in the class.

The other important reason is that, India's current education policy **under the Right To Education Act of 2009, promises that every child, up to the age of 14 is guaranteed free and compulsory education. Thus, no child can be failed or held back until grade 10.** In other words, it is an automatic promotion policy whether or not the child has achieved grade level learning. So much so, slow learners and children who have learning challenges remain where they are in their learning competencies even as they are promoted to higher classes.

KBG: How is your method of teaching different from that of government schools and what is 'Odu Karnataka' programme?

Ashvini: We follow the same curriculum as that of the government schools. But we do not believe 'One size fits all' method. Each child is different from the other and **children in early years at school require individual attention.** The child's progress is closely monitored and administered timely remedial coaching. *'Odu Karnataka'* is a 60-day course for primary school children in classes 4 and 5 to improve reading and maths abilities. Children are grouped by their abilities rather than by age or the grade. The course uses Pratham's rigorously evaluated methodology.

KBG: How do you teach in government schools when there is already a teaching structure in place?

Ashvini: This is probably the biggest challenge that we faced since inception. Two things come to my mind. First, we are an NGO and secondly, we chose to work in the government school system where there was a real need for improvement. Both were not easy. **An NGO has abundance of idealism but is limited in resources. Both money and committed people.** Secondly, the decision to work with the government school system was not easy to begin with. **We were not admitted inside the classroom. Therefore, we engaged children after school hours in the corridors and during holidays.** This was not easy. It was like running a race with both our hands and legs tied. But we pursued irrespective. It is this commitment that the government took note of and which ultimately paved way for the partnership.

KBG: By entering into partnership with the government, will your own volunteers be teaching in all the schools?

Ashvini: In the present partnership arrangement, we train the existing government resource persons in our methodology of teaching. They in turn will train the teachers in our methods of teaching. Our volunteers will closely monitor the training sessions as well as classroom transactions. We did the same successfully in Mysuru, Mandya and Ramanagaram.

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A file photo of Tanveer Sait's visit to Pratham Mysore.

An MoU was signed recently between Pratham Mysore and the Government of Karnataka to improve education standard of students studying in 4th and 5th standards in Government Schools.

Speaking at the signing event, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait said: "Society has classified Government Schools for poor children, aided institutions for the middle class, and private schools for the rich."

He recalled having seen Pratham's work in Mysuru since its inception and felt confident that this partnership will support in bringing in quality education to compete with private schools.

Dasara jumbos head back to jungle camps

Mysuru, Oct. 3 (MTY&BCT)- Dasara elephants that were the cynosure of all eyes since a month, moved back to their respective camps this morning with a promise that they would return next year.

They began their journey along with Mahouts, Kavadis and their families at around 11.30 am and were escorted by Forest Department vehicles till the city limits.

It was Varalakshmi who climbed the truck first followed by other elephants. The group included show-stopper Howdah-Elephant Arjuna who returned with his Mahout Vinu and family. After the celebrations concluded on Sept. 30, the elephants were given healthy food and a relaxing massage bath using coconut shells and fibre brushes.

Today, breakfast was arranged by the District Administration for all the Mahouts and Kavadis and their families and they relished on Idly, Vada, Pongal and tea, coffee. After this, the family members packed their bags and baggage and loaded them on trucks. One-by-one, the elephants climbed the trucks and left the city.

All the Mahouts and Kavadis were given an honorarium of Rs. 7,500 on behalf of Mysore Palace Board and Rs. 5,000 on behalf of Forest Department.

Special Mahouts who participated in the preparation of *Gaadhi* and *Namdha* to be mounted on top of elephants were given an honorarium of Rs. 5,000 on behalf of Palace Board and Rs. 3,000 on behalf of Forest Department.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) V. Yedukondalu, RFO Ananya Kumar and DRFO Anthony Swamy and other officials were present.

ELEPHANTS GAIN WEIGHT

Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj, who takes care of the Dasara elephants, said that all the animals were fit and healthy. All the 15 elephants have gained bodyweight after their arrival to Mysuru in August.

While Arjuna gained 660 kilograms (he was 5250 kgs), Vijaya, who was the thinnest among the jumbos, has gained 190 kgs. Arjuna, who was 5,250 kgs, now weighs 5,910 kgs and Vijaya weighs 2,960 kgs as against 2,770 kgs on her arrival.

Arjuna, on his arrival in August this year, had lost 300 kgs compared to Dasara 2016. Similarly, Abhimanyu's weight increased to 5,190 kgs from 4,870 kgs, Varalakshmi 3,030 kgs from 2,830 kgs and Arjuna's predecessor Balarama, who weighed 4,990 kgs, now weighs 5,520 kgs.

Bheema, the first time Dasara participant, who weighed 3,410 kg on his arrival weighed 3,810 kgs, Kaveri and Gajendra, who were 2,820 kgs and 4,600 kgs, now weighs 3,065 kgs and 5,050 kgs respectively. Other elephants that arrived in the second batch, Harsha, Prashanth, Gopi, Drona, Gopalaswamy, Vikrama and Krishna too have gained weight.

Only 12 of 15 elephants leave city

Today, of the 15 elephants that came for Dasara celebrations, 12 left for various jungle camps. They were Gajendra, Abhimanyu and Krishna who had to stay back to shift elephant Rama from the Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysore Zoo) to its Koorgalli campus.

Rama is being shifted to Koorgalli as the number of elephants housed at the Zoo has increased and Rama is turning out to be a troublesome elephant that fights with every other male elephant, said Zoo authorities.

Gajendra, Abhimanyu and Krishna will help the Zoo authorities to shift Rama in a truck and these elephants have the capacity of controlling Rama in case he creates trouble, said Zoo authorities.

As the 12 elephants left the Mysore Palace compound, the six female elephants housed inside the Palace were behaving in a restless manner. They made strange sounds and grunts as if they missed the company of Dasara elephants.

Mysuru-Bengaluru track to be electrified

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The contract for translocation was given to the company on 14.03.2013 and a deadline of three years was fixed to complete the works and company completed the process by 14.03.2017, four days before the deadline.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Railway officials said that the contract of the Rs. 14-crore work included the restoration work too. During restoration, the original shape of the Armoury will be retained and now, mechanical works are being undertaken by over 40 workers and engineers from PSL Engineering.

"After restoration, the monument will look in its original as-is condition and the works are being done based on the photos and videos that have been shot before the translocation process began," the official said.

The final destination of the armoury now is 130 metres from the railway track.

ELECTRIFICATION

Works on the electrification of the double track is nearing completion and the Commissioner of Railway Safety is scheduled to inspect the works on Oct. 15. "Electrification of the double track between Mysuru and Bengaluru has been completed but for the 1.5 kilometres at Srirangapatna due to the Armoury. Now that the historical structure has been shifted, the electrification will be completed," the official added.

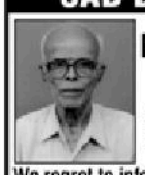
Initially, the electrification will be tried on Shatabdi Express that travels between Mysuru and Chennai and gradually it will be extended to other select trains, the official added.

The electrification is likely to cut travel time of Shatabdi Express by around 10 to 15 minutes. At present, Shatabdi Express takes two hours to reach Bengaluru from Mysuru. Electric Multiple Units would commence operations on the stretch after the works are complete and after getting clearance from the Commissioner for Railway Safety.

At present, the train runs on electric track between Chennai and Bengaluru. The electric locomotive is detached in Bengaluru to be replaced by a diesel locomotive as the electrification works were pending between Mandya and Mysuru. The electrification of the entire stretch will eliminate this process and save time.

For the record, the 139-km stretch between Mysuru and Bengaluru has high traffic density with nearly 27 pairs of trains (including weekly and bi-weekly services).

SAD DEMISE



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We regret to inform the sad Demise of M.Madappa today. We Pray the God to give Peace to his soul. Cremation will be held today at Veerashaiva Rudrabhoomi, Vidyaranyapuram.
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APPOINTMENT NOTIFICATION FOR THE POST OF PLACEMENT OFFICER

Applications are invited for the post of Training and Placement Officer. The brief description of the job requirements are available on the college website: **www.nie.ac.in**

Qualification: Essential: Bachelor's degree: BE, Desirable: A post graduate degree in MBA with specialization in HR.
Experience: At least 5 years of experience in HR./similar positions.
Age: Not more than 50 years.
Salary: Commensurate with qualification and experience.
Interested candidates have to send a brief profile to the Principal, NIE, Mysuru, with all pertinent details on or before **23-10-2017.**

State-level Convention of Senior & Young Music Scholars in city from tomorrow

Sri Ganapathy Swamiji

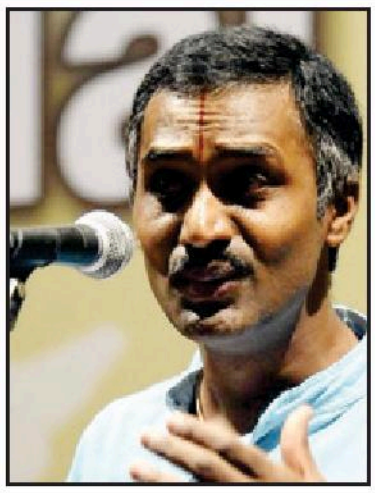
Vid. S. Kasim and Vid. S. Babu

Vid. S. Sakethraman

Vid. D. Balakrishna

Mysore Karthik and Mysore Sumanth

Vidu. Ramamani



Vid. Prashanth Hemmige

Vidu. Sudha

Vid. Manasa Nayana

Mysuru, Oct.3 (BNR)- Karnataka Ganakala Parishat, Bengaluru and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Mysuru, have jointly organised State-level Conventions of Senior and Young Music Scholars at Nada Mantapa in the Ashrama premises on Ooty Road in city from Oct. 4 to 8. The event has been organised as part of 75th Vardhanti of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji.

The 48th Convention of Senior Music Scholars will be chaired by Vidu. T.S. Vasanthamadhavi while the 30th Convention of Young Music Scholars will be chaired by Vid. B.C. Manjunath.

Oct. 4

9 am: Mangalavadya by Vid. R. Rangaswamy & Vid. R. Sridhar (Nadaswara) and Vid. S. Puttaraju & Vid. P. Vinay (Dolu).

10.30 am: Inauguration; Goshti Gayana by the students of KSGH Music and Performing Arts University; Sri Ganapathy Swamiji will grace the occasion. Kannada and Culture Minister Umashree, former MLC G. Madhusudan, *Ganakala Bhushana* Vid. Dr. K. Vageesh and *Ganakala Sri* Vid. T.S. Pattabhirama Pandit will be the chief guests.

4.45 pm to 6.45 pm: Vocal recital by **Vidu. T.S. Vasanthamadhavi** accompanied by *Ganakala Sri* Vidu. Nalina Mohan on violin, Vid. N. Vasudeva on mridanga and Vidu. Sukanya Ramagopal on ghata.

7 pm to 9 pm: Nadaswara by **Vid. S. Kasim and Vid. S. Babu;** Dolu by Vid. Udumalpet M. Anguswamy and Vid. M. Vijay Kumar.

Oct. 5

10 am to 10.20 am: Prayer by disciples of Vidu. Dr. R.N. Srilatha.

10.30 am: Vidwat Goshti - Inauguration by Music University VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar.

10.45 am to 11.30 am: Documentary on 'Prof. V. Rajaratnam's works' by Vid. Dr. C.A. Sridhar.

11.45 am to 12.30 pm: Documentary on 'Simhanandanataala Pallavi' by Vidu. Veena Mohan, Bengaluru.

12.45 pm to 1.30 pm: Documentary on 'Mridanga Madhurya' by Vid. B.C. Manjunath.

4.45 pm to 6.45 pm: Vocal recital by **Vid. S. Sakethraman** accompanied by *Ganakalasri* Vid. H.K. Venkatram on violin, Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. G. Guruprasanna on khanjira.

7 pm to 9 pm: Veena recital by *Ganakala Sri* **Vid. D. Balakrishna** accompanied by Vid. V. Vamshidhar on flute, *Ganakala Bhushana* Vid. C. Cheluvaraj on mridanga and *Ganakala Kasthuri* Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on ghata.

Oct. 6

10 am to 10.20 am: Prayer by students of Surabhi Ganakala Mandira, Mysuru.

10.30 am to 11.15 am: Talk on 'Mysuru - A Cultural Capital' by Dr. N.S. Rangaraju, Mysuru.

11.15 am to 12 noon: Documentary on 'Karnatak Music and Western Classical Music' by Vid. Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath.

12.15 pm to 1 pm: Documentary on 'Classical Works of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji' by Vidu. Chaithra Varanasi - Vidu. Shashwati Jagadish, Sanmathi Varanasi and troupe.

5 pm to 7 pm: Violin duet by **Mysore N. Karthik and Mysore M. Sumanth,** accompanied by Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. U.N. Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

7.15 pm to 9.15 pm: Vocal recital by *Ganakala Bhushana* **Vidu. R.A. Ramamani** accompanied by Vid. C.N. Chandrashekar on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. S. Srishailan on ghata.

Oct. 7

10 am to 10.20 am: Prayer by disciples of Vidu. Koviladi R. Kala.

10.30 am to 11.15 am: Documentary on 'Veena Vaibhava' by Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan.

11.30 am to 12 noon: Documentary on 'Sri Tyagaraja Utsava tradition and Divyanama Keerthane' by Vidu. Ranjani Vasuki.

12.15 pm to 12.45 pm: Documentary on 'Raaga Rasaanubhava' - Chayagowla, Thakka, Paadi, Aardradeshi, Megharanjani' by Vidu. T.S. Vasanthamadhavi.

4.45 pm to 6.45 pm: Vocal recital by **Vid. S. Prashanth Hemmige** accompanied by Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam on violin, Vid. B.R. Srinivas on mridanga and Vid. G. Omkarrao on ghata.

7 pm to 9 pm: 'Divya Sangeetha' by **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji.**

Oct. 8

9.30 am: Procession and valedictory - Sri Ganapathy Swamiji will grace the occasion. Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister R.V. Deshpande will be the chief guest.

5 pm to 7 pm: Vocal recital by **Vidu. M.R. Sudha** accompanied by Vid. H.V. Raghuram on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

7.15 pm to 9.15 pm: Vocal recital by **Vid. Manasa Nayana** accompanied by Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata.

Conferring of Ganakala Bhushana and Ganakala Sri titles

Vidu. T.S. Vasanthamadhavi

Vid. B.C. Manjunath

During the valedictory of the State-level Convention on Oct. 8 at 9.30 am, 'Ganakala Bhushana' title and Sri Vadiraja Award will be conferred on **Vidu. T.S. Vasanthamadhavi** and 'Ganakala Sri' title and Ramasudha Award on **Vid. B.C. Manjunath.**

While Sri Vadiraja Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 30,000, Ramasudha Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 15,000.

SADAS SANMAN

Also, the following artistes will be felicitated: Vid. L. Ramashesha, Mysuru (vocal); Vid. R.K. Raghavan, Mysuru (veena); Vid. Neevani P. Anandarama Bhat, Shivamogga (flute); Vid. Dayananda Mohite, Bengaluru (ghata); Vid. G.R. Jaya, Bengaluru (vocal); Vid. S. Puttaraju, Mysuru (dolu); Vid. K.S. Nagabhushanaiah, Kolar (violin); K.N. Venkatanarayana, Bengaluru (art patron); Vidu. Lalitachalam, Tumakuru (vocal) and Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha (Music organisation).

PROFILE:Vidu. T.S. Vasanthamadhavi started learning music at the age of 5 under the expert tutelage of Vid. Sreenivasa Raghavachar and Vid. Gopalakrishna. She later obtained advanced training from *Ganakala Sindhu Ganakala Kushala* D. Subbaramaiah.

A multi-faceted personality, she is a performer, composer, musicologist, organiser and teacher par excellence. She has made tremendous contributions to several areas of Karnatak music.

Vid. B.C. Manjunath is a competent and dynamic young artiste with outstanding credentials. Recipient of several acclaimed awards, he has a noteworthy track record of performances at prestigious platforms in India and overseas with world renowned artistes of different genre. He is a sensitive musician and is well-versed with Indian Classical, World Music, Modern Jazz, Contemporary Dance, Contemporary Classical Music, Indifusion and many more styles.

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League

Sharath shines in MCC's exciting win

Mysuru, Oct. 3- An excellent all-round performance by left-arm spinner K.M. Sharath (seven for 48, two for 15, 40 n.o. & 45), helped **Mysore Cricket Club (MCC)** to register a exciting one-wicket win over Mysore University Colleges Sports Council (MUCSC) in the two-day KSCA Mysore Zone 1st Division league tie played at the PET Grounds in Mandya recently.

K.M. Sharath

THE SCORES

1st Disivsion

MUCSC: 172 in 63.5 overs (Vishnu Priyan 53, N. Shreyas 47, Sharath 7 for 48, Prathamesh Patel 3 for 38) & 139 in 47.1 overs (Rajath 57, Arun 25, Naveen 4 for 38) lost to **Mysore CC:** 145 in 43.5 overs (Shivaprasad 45, Sharath 40 n.o., Harish 27, Gowtham 7 for 46) & 167 for 9 in 44 overs (Sharath 45, Vishwanath 33, Abhinoam Jacob 4 for 40, Arun 3 for 49). **MCC:** 5 points, **MUCSC:** 1.

Navodaya CC: 237 in 58.5 overs (Lochan Appanna 71, A.C. Chethan Kumar 31, Karthik 29, Vinyas 28, Kunal Pandya 26, Fayaz Pasha 4 for 17) & 176 in 45 overs (Aiyappa 51, Deepak 33, Pavan Rajaram 27, Prasanth 5 for 46) drew with **SKRSC:** 169 in 56.3 overs (Tejas 31, Rakesh 31, Aiyappa four for 21) & 91 for 2 in 30 overs (Ganesh 56 n.o.). **Navodaya CC:** 3 points, **SKRSC:** 1.

Mohan's XI: 176 in 49.3 overs (Anjanava Saha 85, Syed Mohammed 37, Nishanth N. Gowda 3 for 52) & 125 for 4 in 41 overs (Madan Mohan 43 n.o, Anjanava Saha 27) drew with **Vidyaranya CC:** 158 in 69.3 overs (T. Niranjan 51, R. Ashrith 39, Toshiba 30, Madan Mohan five for 60). **Mohan's XI:** 3 points, **Vidyaranya CC:** 1.

2nd Division

Karavali Cricketers: 463 for nine in 50 overs (Madan Basavaraj 146, Suhas Gowda 84, Sanketh Shetty 48, Poovaiah 46, Rahul V. Kashyap 31, Md. Jaffer Ali 31 n.o., B. Rohith 30, B.R. Abhilash 4 for 68) bt **YMCC:** 162 in 35.3 overs (P. Nachiketh 63, M. Mitesh 27, Suhas Gowda 4 for 12, J.R. Rohan 3 for 27).

Bellur CC: 214 for eight in 50 overs (Swaroop Kumar 81, Achyuth 46, Muneem Mehandi 33, Shashank Simha 28) lost to **Jawahars CC:** 215 for 6 in 46 overs (Sharana 76, Mahadev 56 n.o., Harsha 40, Kishan 3 for 30).

Star CC (Chamarajanagar): 156 in 35.5 overs (Aravindh 41, Ramesh 36, Yashwanth 3 for 12) lost to **Mysore Gymkhana:** 160 for 3 in 32.4 overs (Vineeth 64 n.o., Ismail Sheikh 40).

3rd Division

Friends CC: 148 in 36.5 overs (Mahadevappa 38, Afnan 4 for 36, Imran Khan 3 for 35) lost to **Warriors CC:** 151 for 7 in 37 overs (Varun 56, Mujahid Ahmed 35 n.o., Sagar 32, Deepak 3 for 39).

FACC: 84 in 31.2 overs (Shah Fahad Khan 30, Manoj 3 for 11, N. Nirmith 3 for 13) lost to **RB-NCC 'B':** 86 for 4 in 12.1 overs (Vijeth 36, Nirmith 31 n.o.).

4th Division

Navajyothi CC: 323 for 6 in 50 overs (Manjunath 73, R. Rakesh 71, R. Madhusudhan 59, G. Vidyasagar 57, S. Harshith 35, B. Madhav 4 for 61) bt **NMCC:** 216 in 49 overs (Abhilash 71, Jayanth 51, Vignesh 32, K. Udhay 3 for 43).

South Zone Inter-Varsity Women's
Kho-Kho Tourney from Oct. 4

Mysuru, Oct. 3- The Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore, will be conducting the South Zone Inter-University Kho-Kho Tournament for Women from Oct. 4 to 7 here.

Around 60 University teams from South Zone will be taking part in the Tournament which will be played on a knock-out-cum-league basis. The matches will be played at the University Grounds, Sports Pavilion.

University of Calicut, the defending champion, Anna University, Chennai (runner-up), University of Mysore (3rd place winner) and University of Kerala (4th place) during 2016-17, have been directly seeded into the quarter-finals.

The Tournament will be inaugurated by MLA Vasu in the presence of University of Mysore Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dayananda Mane, Arjuna Awardee Shobha Narayan and University of Mysore Registrar D. Bharathi at the University Grounds at 8.30 am tomorrow (Oct. 4).

Selected for All India
Inter-University Yoga Contest

Mysuru, Oct. 3- K. Deekshitha, a final year B.Com student of K. Puttaswamy First Grade College, Mysuru, has won second prize at the Inter-Collegiate Yoga Championship conducted by the University of Mysore. She has been selected to participate in the ongoing All India Inter-University Yoga Competition to be held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from Oct.1 to 4.

K. Deekshitha

3rd Rail Wheel Factory International FIDE Open Rating Chess

Girish Koushik scores over GM Laxman

Bengaluru, Oct. 3- Mysuru-lad Girish A. Koushik, taking part in the 3rd Rail Wheel Factory International FIDE Open Rating Chess Tourney in Bengaluru, is in the joint lead with Karnataka's Viani Antonio Dcunha with 7.5 points from eight rounds. In the eighth round, Girish shocked GM R.R. Laxman (ICF) and shot into the lead yesterday.

Girish A. Koushik

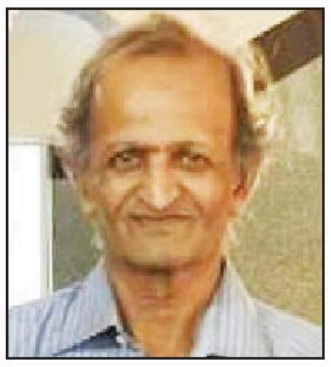
Girish Koushik (Rating 2401) in the seventh round beat K. Gunasekaran (ICF) and with his performance in this Tourney, has a plus of 6.1 ELO points.

After eight rounds, Viani Antonia Dcunha and Girish Koushik are tied with 7.5 points and are placed one and two in the rankings while T. Selvabharathy (TN), Naveen S. Hegde (Kar), B.T. Murali Krishnan (Tamil Nadu) are tied with 7 points each and are placed from third to fifth in the rankings.

Mysuru-lad V.P.S. Darshan has secured 5 points and is placed 107th in the rankings. The Tournament concludes today.

Obituary

Raghavan



Mysuru, Oct. 3- Raghavan (67), cricketer and a resident of Sonar Street in city, passed away yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Raghavan, an all-rounder, had represented Mysore State School team (1966-67), University of Mysore (1970-71) and Ideal Jawa (1973-96). He had represented Jai Hind Cricket Club in Mysuru Zonal League. He was also a qualified KSCA Cricket Umpire.

Condoled: KSCA Mysuru Zone, Presidents and Secretaries of Cricket Associations and Association of Cricket Umpires Karnataka (ACUK) have condoled his death.

Bag prizes in Vivum-2017 Football, Throwball

The students of Class XI and XII of NPSI, Mysuru, who participated in 'Vivum-2017,' a cultural and sporting extravaganza held in Bengaluru recently, have bagged the runners-up trophy in Throwball (Girls) and Football (Boys). Picture shows the winning Throwball and Football teams with Principal Shubha Achaiah.

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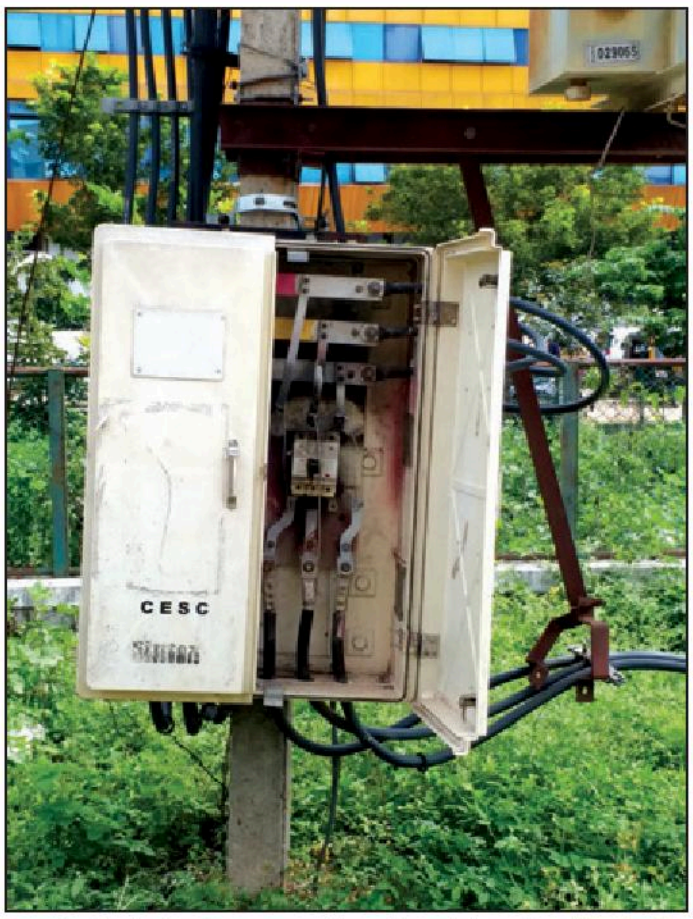
Dismal condition of 12th Main in Vijayanagar 1st Stage



Due to the lack of response from the civic authorities to the problems faced by the residents, the residents of 12th Main in Vijayanagar 1st Stage are put into a lot of inconvenience as the roads are in such a bad shape leaving it non-motorable, drains not cleaned and there is a huge collection of garbage in them due to recent rains leading to unbearable stench emanating from the garbage pile besides sewage chambers being blocked. Also, a transformer on the road has the entire switchboard exposed which may result in fatalities. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps at the earliest.

Cleanliness needed in City Court Complex premises

Though the front portion of the City Court Complex premises is kept neat and tidy, the backside of the building especially the backside of the Law Courts Post Office need to be cleaned as the bin is overflowing with garbage. Will the authorities concerned look into the matter?

Wildlife Photography Expo begins at Zoo

Superintendent of Police (SP) Ravi D. Channannavar (extreme right) is seen taking a look at the photographs on display at the Wildlife Photography Exhibition organised at Zoo Library Hall as part of Wildlife Week celebrations. Zoo Executive Director C. Ravishankar and Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairperson Mallige Veeresh are also seen. The expo will be open for visitors between 9.30 am and 5 pm till Oct. 7.

Onam get-together by Railway Malayali Samithi

Lakshmi Sadanandan is rendering the invocation as (from left) Railway Malayali Samithi President K.P. Narayana Poduval, chief guest Dr. K. R. Anilkumar and Secretary K.L. Vinod Kumar look on.

Mysuru, Oct. 3- Railway Malayali Samithi, Mysuru, is a socio-cultural organisation of the Railway men hailing from Kerala and working in Mysuru.

Railway Malayali Samithi's 28th annual Onam get-together was conducted at Railway Chamundi Officers Club in Yadavagiri recently.

Dr. K.R. Anilkumar, Joint Director/Scientist-F, HoD, Food Quality Assurance Division, DFRL, Mysuru, was the chief guest.

Samithi President K. P. Narayana Poduval presided. B. Sasikumaran Nair welcomed. Secretary K.L. Vinod Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.

A traditional Kerala feast was served before inauguration. Sports, Pookalam, drawing, painting and quiz competitions were conducted as part of the celebrations. Winners were presented with prizes.

Students who got highest marks in tenth standard and PUC were presented with cash award. Railway employees who got meritorious award from General Manager, South Western Railway and an employee who retired from service were also felicitated.

Variety of cultural programmes were presented by members and their family, according to a press release from Samithi Vice-President V.R. Harikrishnan.

Annual get-together of Nair Service Society

Mysuru, Oct. 3- The annual get-together of Karnataka Nair Service Society was held recently at Chikkamma Niketana Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar.

The programme was inaugurated by Ramachandran Paleri, Chairman, KNSS.

MLA M.K .Somashekar was the chief guest. Dr. Manjunath, Chairman, Brindavan Hospital, was the guest of honour.

Also blood pressure and blood sugar (random) check-up was arranged for all the participants.

Manohara Kurup, General Secretary, KNSS, addressed the gathering. Various cultural programmes were presented by Karayogam family members.

Saree Politics: Two sarees draped on Chamundi idol during *Jumboo Savari*

Saree donated by CM's wife gets prominence over the one donated by city's First Citizen, claims Mayor

Mysuru, Oct. 3 (RK&BCT) - The controversy over the saree draped on the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, which was placed on the Golden Howdah atop the Howdah elephant Arjuna during *Jumboo Savari,* is refusing to die down and has become a topic of widespread discussion in the social media.

Initially, it was reported that the blue saree with magenta border that was draped on the idol was given by Parvathi, wife of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah who wanted to fulfil her vow. Parvathi, who avoided the limelight despite being the CM's wife, visited the Chamundi Temple on all 10 days of the Dasara festivities and according to sources, she prayed for the well-being of her husband and son Yathindra Siddharamaiah who are set to fight the next Assembly elections.

The saree offered by the CM's wife, however, led to a controversy as the temple priests did not give a chance to a businessman from Balepete in Bengaluru to drape the saree offered by him. The merchant has been offering the specially woven saree since the last 15 years and this time, the priests chose the saree donated by CM's wife.

Now, Mysuru Mayor M.J. Ravikumar has claimed that he too had donated a saree to Goddess Chamundeshwari and he was shocked to see that the saree donated by "someone else" was draped on the idol during *Jumboo Savari.*

Ravikumar said he was deeply hurt to see the saree he offered to Chamundi missing. In all, he and his wife had offered 4 sarees, one for Chamundi idol, second for Jwala Tripurasundari idol and other two for idols that are kept in howdah during *Jumboo Savari.* All four sarees were draped around the idols right in front of him, but when the *Jumboo Savari* began, the saree he had offered to Chamundi had disappeared.

He said that he had offered sarees to the Goddess, praying for the prosperity of Mysureans and JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy who underwent a heart surgery recently. But to his dismay, he found that the idol was draped with some other saree during the procession.

"I had offered the saree a week ago and the priests too had agreed to drape the idol of the Goddess. I had convinced the businessman from Balepete to give me a chance this time and he had agreed to it and accordingly, the priests had draped the saree given by me on the idol. When the procession began, I realised that the saree that was given by CM's wife was draped above the saree that I had given. I was shocked as the priests had broken the tradition by draping two sarees on the idol and all this due to pure political pressure," Ravikumar said.

"It is not right to do politics in such matters. The saree that was already offered should have been used. I will bring the issue to the notice of authorities concerned," he added. The Mayor has already expressed his displeasure over the issue and it might become a major political controversy as the First Citizen belongs to the Opposition party JD(S) in the Mysuru City Corporation.

Chamundeshwari Temple chief priest Dr. Shashishekar Dixit told reporters that the saree donated by the Chief Minister's wife was draped on the idol and the saree given by the Mayor was placed on the shoulders of the idol. A temple source said that there was no protocol to offer sarees and usually, sarees given by devotees would be used to drape the idol.

Offering a saree to Goddess Chamundeshwari concludes the ritualistic worship. Offering saree to the Goddess is akin to praying for one's spiritual progress and welfare.

A giant leap for Pratham Mysore

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KBG: What is the outcome of the pilot programme you conducted in the districts of Mysuru, Mandya and Ramanagaram?

Ashvini: Though in theory our methodologies of teaching appeared to be in order, they were not tested on such a large-scale and more importantly, Pratham's ability to manage 5,000 schools in the three districts. The training sessions of the first-level government's Cluster Resource Persons' (CRP) and then overseeing CRPs training the teachers went very well. The government officials from the Education Department and the school teachers too were extremely supportive. They were convinced with the programme and saw value in the new approach.

At the beginning of the course, Pratham and the Government Education Department jointly administered a test **(baseline test)** to assess the children's competency in reading and math. After 60 days of two-hours-a-day intervention, another test was administered (called **the endline test)** to measure changes/ improvement if any. The result was as follows:

A file photo of Waheeda Rehman during her visit to Pratham Mysore.

• Percentage of story readers jumped from 39% to 75%.

• Percentage of children who could complete division problems increased from 38% to 76%.

KBG: Pratham is an all India organisation. Are you a part of it?

Ashvini: The answer is no and yes. No because we are an independent Trust with our own bylaws, Board of Trustees, Advisors and programmes. But since we have common goals with Pratham India, which is *"Every Child In School and Learning Well"* we preferred to collaborate and benefit from each other's learning and resources.

KBG: How do you develop teaching techniques, lesson plans, etc.?

Ashvini: Pratham is a learning organisation. Very qualified and accomplished academicians and teachers help us develop techniques by continuously experimenting, monitoring and evaluating new methodology and select that which give us best results. It is our grassroot presence that is the source of our knowledge.

***KBG:* Are all the people working in Pratham volunteers?**

Ashvini: We have both permanent paid staff and those who offer voluntary service.

KBG: What is your source of funds? Does the government pay for this partnership?

Ashvini: We do not receive any funding from the Government. We only provide academic support, share our teaching and learning content with the Government. The current Government partnership cost is being supported partly by HSBC Bank, ITC and Rotary Foundation. Apart from these, our direct programmes are supported by AVAYA, PWC Pragathi from Austin, Infosys, Procter & Gamble and so on.

KBG: To what do you attribute your success?

Ashvini: Pratham Mysore has grown considerably since 2002, the year it started. We work at the ground level in a rural environment. We have good rapport with the rural population. We have a Board of Trustees and Advisors guiding us. Our secretariat, staff and volunteer strength of nearly 500 are very committed individuals. It is because of their continued help and support, we have reached this level of success.

WORD OF THE DAY

Tattersall

Pronunciation: tat-er-sawl, -suh l
Meaning: A woollen fabric with a pattern of coloured checks and intersecting lines, resembling a tartan; a pattern of squares formed by coloured crossbars on a solid-colour, usually light background.
Origin: The cloth pattern takes its name from Tattersall's horse market, which was started in London in 1766. During the 18th century at Tattersall's horse market blankets with this checked pattern were sold for use on horses.

THE ODD WORD

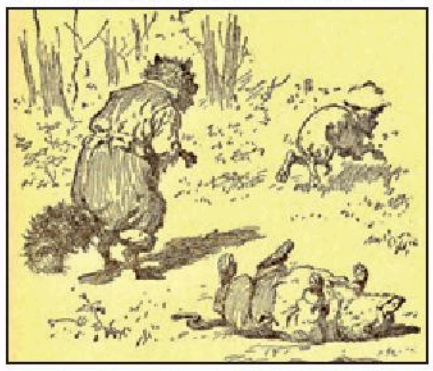
Blatherskite

A person who talks at great length without making much sense.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Playing Possum

Meaning: Pretending to be dead, or to be deceitful about something.



Origin: This phrase comes from the American opossum, commonly referred to simply as possums. These animals can be quite deceiving at times, because if they ever feel threatened, possums will feign death in order to try and fool nearby predators. These animals pretend to be dead, and this can potentially fool anyone watching. Due to this tricky behaviour, it eventually began to be applied to people who are thought to be acting in a similar, deceitful way.
Regarding the age of this expression, there are sources which claim it was first printed in the year 1822, but there is no written form of it from that time. The earliest recording though, is not too long after that year. It comes from the Washington Globe, printed in 1843, where it reads:
"So it seems the Whigs are to 'play possum' again in the coming campaign, though one would suppose they had bad experience enough in that game to teach them that 'honesty is the best policy'."

QUOTE BOX

The mind is everything. What you think you become.

—Buddha

RIDDLE THIS

What do the following words have in common: Racecar, Civic, Eye, Level?

Answer: They are all palindromes. They can be read the same backward and forward

SUDOKU

4					3	7		
8	9							
		1	7			2		9
				3	5		9	
			8		9			
	5		2	4				
6		8			1	9		
							5	1
		9	4					6

Answer to previous puzzle

9	8	6	1	3	5	4	2	7
7	5	2	6	8	4	1	9	3
4	1	3	9	2	7	5	8	6
6	2	1	8	9	3	7	4	5
8	7	9	4	5	1	3	6	2
5	3	4	7	6	2	9	1	8
2	9	5	3	4	6	8	7	1
1	6	8	5	7	9	2	3	4
3	4	7	2	1	8	6	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Bollywood's Bipasha ___
5 Sea bird
9 The region of the clouds or the upper air
12 Give off an offensive odour
13 ___ nothing : have everything?
14 Intense mental distress
15 Between two ports
16 Great Sanskrit poet of Meghadoot and Raghuvamsa
18 Unchanged (2,2)
20 Out? (3,2)
21 Strong boxes
23 Jason's ship
25 ___ to : disposed to?
26 Numerous; not few
28 Ms Sinha of days gone by
32 __ in ruins : be overthrown or fallen?
33 Panaji locale
34 A person's brother or sister
35 They serve as sailors
37 Girl's name
39 Plastic type
40 It ebbs and flows
42 Exclaimed in amazement, joy, or surprise
44 Hunter in the sky?
47 One and ___ : unique?
48 Rushed wildly or violently about
51 Bovine animals
54 Electromagnetic pulse, abbr.
55 Opening in the skin
56 Columbus' ship
57 Young family member
58 Ski lift (1-3)
59 Takes food

DOWN
1 Half a bikini
2 Roman bronze
3 Attend to comforts of or take care of ? (3,5)
4 Imperial decree from Russian
5 They are large deer of North American continent
6 Regional Airline Assoc.
7 Natl. Chem. Lab
8 ___ out : making last longer?
9 Hit hard or crush, fly etc. with a blow
10 Tributary of Ganges
11 Bring forth lambs
17 Condemn to an adverse fate
19 Any distinctive doctrine or practice
21 Sodium chloride
22 Samoan Port
23 The positive electrode
24 "Nary" a change to a man's name?
27 Having grown old
29 Suffocation, lack of air in lungs
30 Not pre-recorded
31 Kindergarten song opening
36 Cease or arrest
38 Dilip Kumar and Nadira's love story of 1952
41 Not appropriate, unseemly
43 Horror movie starring 1 Across
44 Mine products
45 Small branches
46 Devilish ones
47 "Rode" around the German river?
49 Lump
50 Historical period
52 Tolkien's tree like creature
53 Naval air stn.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

W	A	D	A	■	T	E	S	S	■	C	H	A
O	T	I	C	■	A	G	O	N	■	O	A	T
R	E	S	T	■	P	O	S	I	T	R	O	N
D	E	C	I	D	E	S	■	P	E	R	■	■
■	■	■	O	M	S	■	M	E	L	O	D	Y
T	H	A	N	K	■	F	A	R	■	D	U	O
R	E	D	S	■	W	I	I	■	P	E	E	R
A	R	M	■	L	A	X	■	P	A	S	T	E
P	A	I	R	E	D	■	R	A	N	■	■	■
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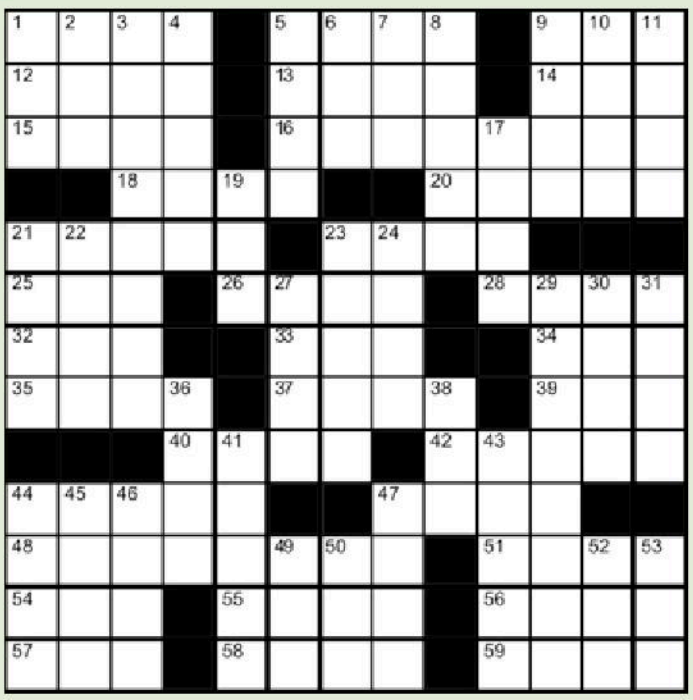

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ED TJEMDJM WDM ZCEMT ZW ZMBB HMWHBM, ED

TVJF S NSL ST ZW AM VDKMCTZWWK AL MQMCLWDM,

TWRMZFEDY ZFSZ DW WDM MQMC GDMN AMUWCM.

AVZ ED HWMZCL, EZ'T ZFM MISJZ WHHWTEZM

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: In the United States, doing good has come to be, like patriotism, a favorite device of persons with something to sell

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Tarak	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mugulu Nage	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Bharjari	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Eleyaru Navu Geleyaru	Olympia	2420737	1 Shows
Operation Alamelamma	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
HINDI			
Judwaa-2	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Ghar Damad	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Killer Trap	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Jai Lava Kusa	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Olympia	2420737	3 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Spyder	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows

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Bharjari (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Tarak (K)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 1.20pm, 4.10 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Judwaa-2 (H)	(S-1)	4.10pm,7.00pm,9.55
	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Mahanubhavudu (Te)	(S-1)	10.25 am
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Ramaleela (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 am
Spyder (Te)	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Newton (H)	(S-2)	12.40 pm
Karuppan (Ta)	(S-2)	2.45 pm
American Made (E)	(S-2)	5.25 pm, 7.40 pm

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Bharjari (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Judwaa-2 (H)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 12,55 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Tarak (K)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Spyder (Te)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 3.50pm, 9.50pm
Karuppan (Ta)	(S-3)	12.55 pm
Ramaleela (Ma)	(S-4)	9.40 pm
American Made (E)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Hara Hara Mahadevaki (Ta)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Mahanubhavudu (Te)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 6.40 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON WEDNESDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 6.50 Sponsored Prog., 8.30 Radio Doctor, 8.35 Sponsored Prog., 10.00 Hindustani Classical Music, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Film Songs, 4.30 Folk Songs, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Yuvavani, 9.30 Vocal Recital, 10.00 Savinenapu.

TV TONIGHT

6:30 pm Bin Kuch Kahe	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	6:00 pm Crime Patrol - Satark
7:00 Sethji	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:00 Yeh Moh Ke Dhaage
7:30 Aisi Deewangi... Dekhi Nahi Kahi	8:00 Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon?	7:30 Peshwa Bajirao
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:30 Chandra Nandni	8:00 Mahabali Hanumaan
8:30 Piya Albela	9:00 Naamkarann	8:30 Pehredaar Piya Ki
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	9:00 Beyhadh
		9:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi
6:00pm Man Vs. Wild	6:00pm ICC Cricket 360	6:00 pm Primal Survivor
7:00 How Do They Do It ?	7:00 KBD Raid on	7:00 Nat Geo Investigates
7:30 What Went Down	7:30 ICC World T20 2016	8:00 Top Cats
8:00 River Monsters	8:00 Sledge Hammer	9:00 Science of Stupid
9:00 Fast N' Loud	8:30 Australia Tour of India (ODI)	10:00 World's Deadliest
10:00 Man Vs. Wild	9:00 Australia Tour of India (ODI)	11:00 Wild Survivor
11:00 A Haunting	9:30 Cricket Countdown	
	10:00 Match Point : India vs. Australia	
6:00 Oggy & the Cockroaches	6:30 pm Ganga	6:30 pm Jo Jo Laali
6:30 Oggy & the Cockroaches	7:30 Kula Deivam	7:00 Sarayoo
7:00 Kris aur Ulta Pulta Time	8:00 Deiva Magal	7:30 Avalu
8:30 Oggy & the Cockroaches	8:30 Vamsam	8:00 Kaveri
9:00 Teen Titans Go	9:00 Nandini	8:30 Nandini
9:30 Horrid Henry	9:30 Vani Rani	9:00 Jeevanadhi
10:00 Ben 10	10:00 Priyamanaval	9:30 Aramane

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:38pm **Chinese Zodiac**	7:00pm **Tremors 3: Back to Perfection**	5:57pm **Final Destination 5**
7:11 **The Jungle Book**	9:00 **The Transporter Refueled**	7:26 **The Descent: Part 2**
9:00 **The Amazing Spider-Man 2**	10:53 **10,000 BC**	9:00 **The Hangover - II**
11:59 **Resident Evil: Apocalypse**		10:40 **10,000 BC**
5:10pm **Movie**	6:09pm Roadside Rowdy	6:00pm **Movie**
7:55 **Movie**	9:00 **Bruce Lee The Fighter**	9:00 **Movie**
9:00 **Movie**	11:59 **TBA**	
6:56pm **The Ugly Truth**	3:00pm **Movie**	3:00pm **Movie**
8:49 **Death Race 3**	6:00 **Movie**	6:00 **Movie**
11:00 **Johnny English Reborn**	9:00 **Movie**	9:00 **Movie**

MAHAJANITES-2K17: Belagavi students bag Overall Championship

Mysuru, Oct. 3- The PG Wing of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre, Department of Studies in Computer Science, had organised a two-day State-level IT Fest — MAHAJANITES-2K17 — in the PG Centre premises on KRS Road in Metagalli recently.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. P. Nagabhushan, Professor & Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, UP, India.

The students of Computer Science rendered the naadageethe. Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Director, Mahajana P.G. Wing welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guest on the occasion.

C.R. Rachana, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Studies in Computer Science, briefed about MAHAJANITES-2K17.

In all, 40 teams from across Karnataka had participated in the Fest that included Gamer Tag- Gaming, Code vita- Coding, Wrap A App- App Development, Spider Villa - Web Designing, Logic Minds- IT Quiz, Fest-in Beats - Dance Contest, News Tonic- News Hunt,Clues Clue's Everywhere - Treasure hunt, and Click and Pick - Photography.

Dr. P. Nagabhushan and Lakshmi Bhushan were felicitated during the occasion.

Dr. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, Mahajana Education Society (MES), gave away the presidential remarks. H.B. Basanth Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Studies in Computer Science, proposed a vote of thanks. R. Vasudevamurthy, President, MES, was present.

The inauguration was followed by various competitions spread across two days. The faculty coordinators for the IT Fest were J. Yashaswini and M. Chethan, Assistant Professors in the Department.

The overall Championship was won by the students of RLS College of BCA, Belagavi.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 3)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: Bombe Mane, an expo of exquisite dolls from across India, **up to 7.30 pm.**

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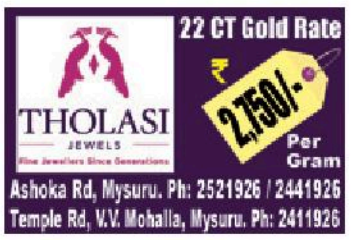
EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 4)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: Bombe Mane, an expo of exquisite dolls from across India, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru: World Animals Day and Wildlife Week, Art expo on 'Pranigala Alivu Ulivu' by artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya, DCF C. Ravishankar inaugurates, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat (Bengaluru) Vice-President Prof. S.M. Gurunanjaiah chief guest, Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, teacher and artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya will be present, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **10.30 am to 7 pm.**



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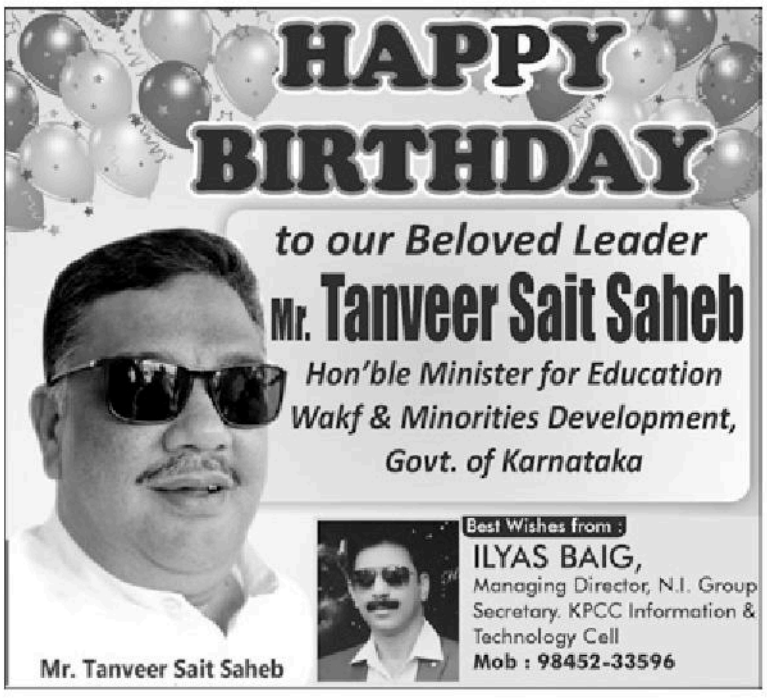

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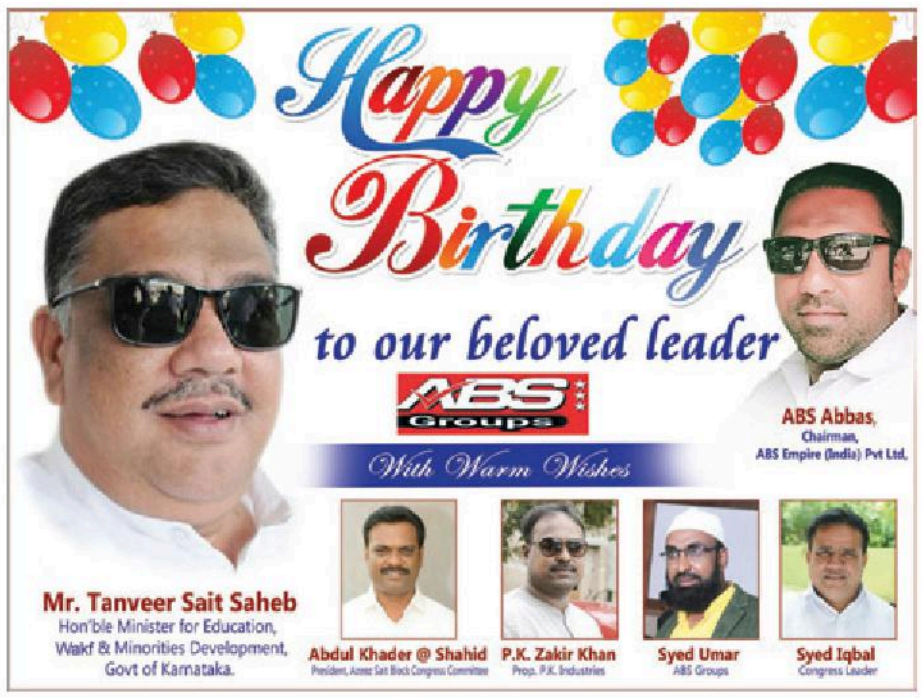

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